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RACIRS Agents in Ukraine: Sabotage, Bloodshed and Anticult Plague

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Ukraine and Russia are two warring countries. In the conditions of the long-lasting bloody war, they are totally focused on antagonism, confrontation and mutual distrust. Nevertheless, a whole network of agents, which is directly controlled by the Russian organization RACIRS*, has been operating in Ukraine for many years. This agent network represents a conglomerate of several individual organizations and small groups of people, seemingly unrelated to each other. Their interconnection is exposed, among other things, through the same kind of activity aimed at destroying democratic values and conducting sabotage inside Ukraine according to the instructions set forth in detail in RACIRS' manuals (to be cited below). We have tracked those instructions on the websites of the dioceses of the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) whose deans are members or even leaders of RACIRS. The tasks of RACIRS agents include anti-cult activities using Nazi dehumanizing methods, carrying out all stages of genocide of undesirable groups of people, spreading slander and disinformation, manipulating public opinion, influencing legislative, executive, judicial and religious authorities, mass media, law enforcement agencies and special services.

* RACIRS is the Russian Association of Centers for the Study of Religions and Sects, founded in 2006.

Officially, RACIRS is an anti-cult organization aimed at combating undesirable religious movements, but in reality, it carries out an ideological and information warfare in the media space. RACIRS President is Alexander Dvorkin, and its vice-president is Archpriest Alexander Novopashin. Alexander Dvorkin's teachers at one time were Johannes Aagaard and Wilhelm Haack, direct successors of the Nazi activity of Walter Künneth who headed the apologetic anti-cult center under the Third Reich. RACIRS members supervise an extensive network of subordinate organizations across the globe, while many of their agents are themselves members or directly connected with the governments in their countries. In Russia, RACIRS oversees the Federation Council that is controlled by members of the so-called secret "Diveyevo Brotherhood." This was earlier discussed in the article "'Diveyevo Order': Control Center of Global Anticultism. Revival of Nazism".

Now, let's examine how the network of RACIRS agents operates in Ukraine.

All-Ukrainian Apologetic Center (AUAC) in the name of St. John Chrysostom

RACIRS' official representative in Ukraine is the All-Ukrainian Apologetic Center (AUAC) in the name of St. John Chrysostom, established in 2011. Besides, the center includes local apologetic centers under many dioceses. The chairman of AUAC Board of Trustees is bishop Jonah of Obukhov (on August 17, 2017, he became an archbishop). AUAC meetings have been attended by representatives of dioceses of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC) and representatives of UOC Synodal Department for Youth Affairs.

Previously, AUAC used to have an Internet portal Apologet [1], but today we can find information about the website activity only in a stored archive. Yet, there are other websites where hectic anti-cult activities took place for a long time, up to the outbreak of the full-scale war. Since the beginning of 2022, those activities have been carried out mostly offline. Publications have only remained in the media outlets where anti-cult agents or corrupt journalists work.

An additional aspect of influence in the information field is an army of anonymous web brigades prepared by RACIRS many years earlier, which includes young online commentators with consciousness formatted by anti-cultists.

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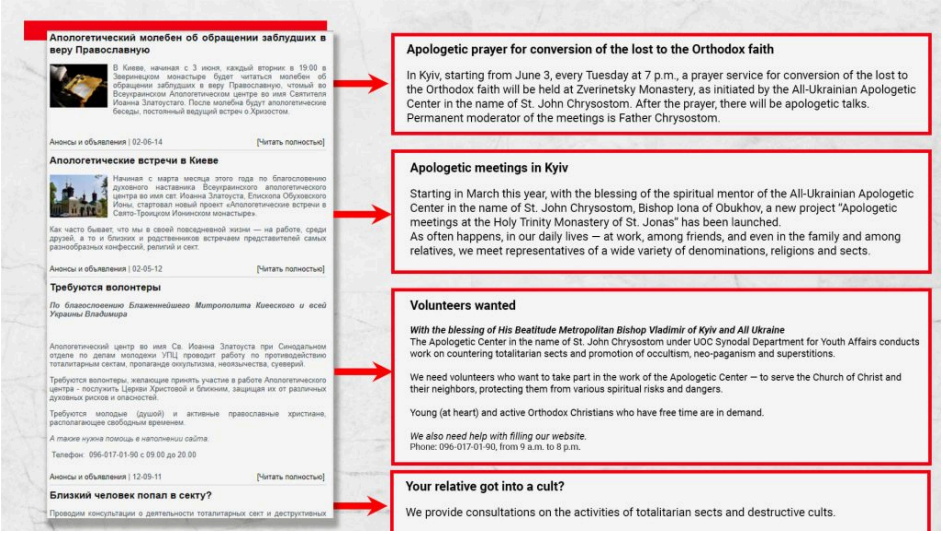
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Анонсы и объявления | 02-05-12 [Читать полностью]
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По благословению Блаженнейшего Митрополита Киевского и всей Украины Владимира
Анонсы и объявления | 12-09-11 [Читать полностью]
Близкий человек попал в секту?
Apologetic prayer for conversion of the lost to the Orthodox faith
In Kyiv, starting from June 3, every Tuesday at 7 p.m., a prayer service for conversion of the lost to the Orthodox faith will be held at Zverinetsky Monastery, as initiated by the All-Ukrainian Apologetic Center in the name of St. John Chrysostom. After the prayer, there will be apologetic talks. Permanent moderator of the meetings is Father Chrysostom.
Apologetic meetings in Kyiv
Starting in March this year, with the blessing of the spiritual mentor of the All-Ukrainian Apologetic Center in the name of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop Iona of Obukhov, a new project “Apologetic meetings at the Holy Trinity Monastery of St. Jonas” has been launched.
As often happens, in our daily lives — at work, among friends, and even in the family and among relatives, we meet representatives of a wide variety of denominations, religions and sects.
Volunteers wanted
With the blessing of His Beatitude Metropolitan Bishop Vladimir of Kyiv and All Ukraine
The Apologetic Center in the name of St. John Chrysostom under UOC Synodal Department for Youth Affairs conducts work on countering totalitarian sects and promotion of occultism, neo-paganism and superstitions.
We need volunteers who want to take part in the work of the Apologetic Center — to serve the Church of Christ and their neighbors, protecting them from various spiritual risks and dangers.
Young (at heart) and active Orthodox Christians who have free time are in demand.
We also need help with filling our website.
Phone: 096-017-01-90, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Your relative got into a cult?
We provide consultations on the activities of totalitarian sects and destructive cults.

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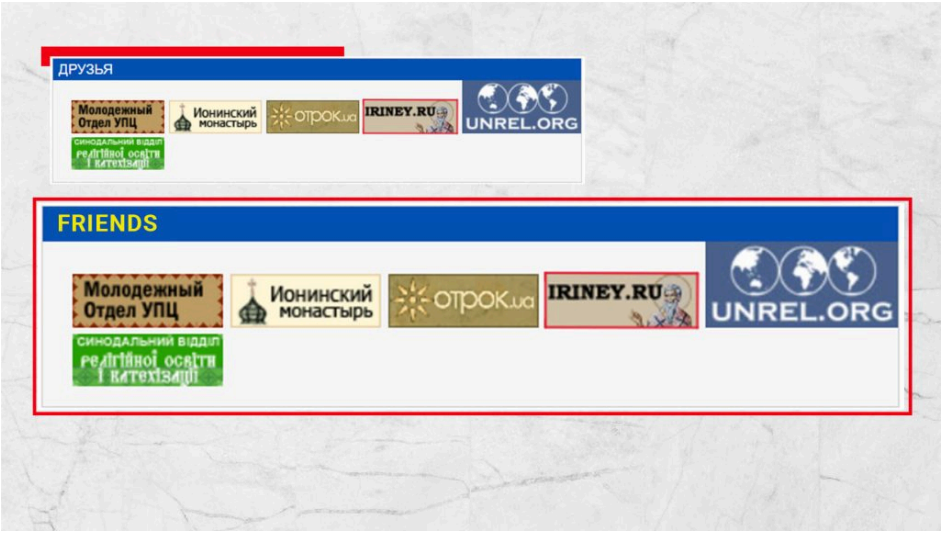

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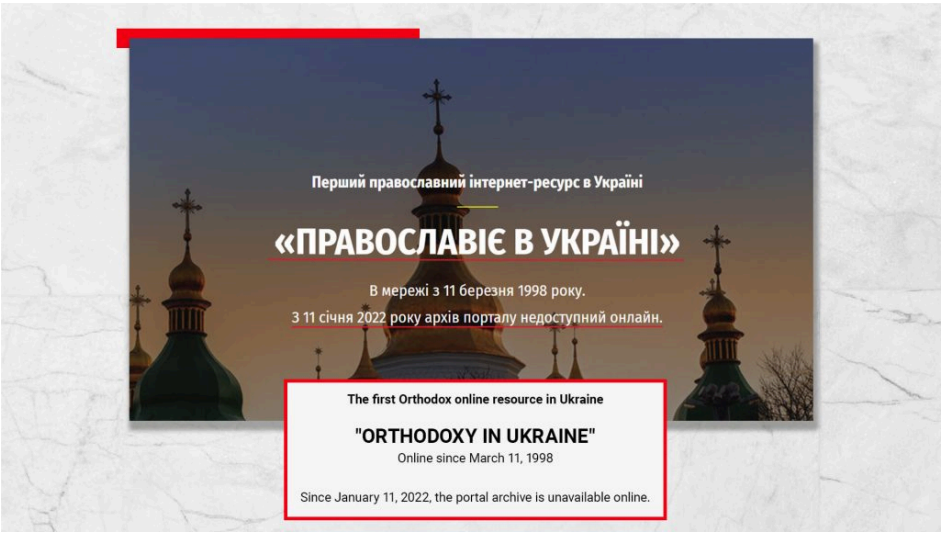
Another website related to AUAC operations is “Orthodoxy in Ukraine” [2]. Currently, it is also inactive [3], but thanks to the saved web archive[4], we can see their anti-cult activities:


Перший православний інтернет-ресурс в Україні
«ПРАВОСЛАВІЄ В УКРАЇНІ»
В мережі з 11 березня 1998 року.
З 11 січня 2022 року архів порталу недоступний онлайн.
The first Orthodox online resource in Ukraine
"ORTHODOXY IN UKRAINE"
Online since March 11, 1998
Since January 11, 2022, the portal archive is unavailable online.

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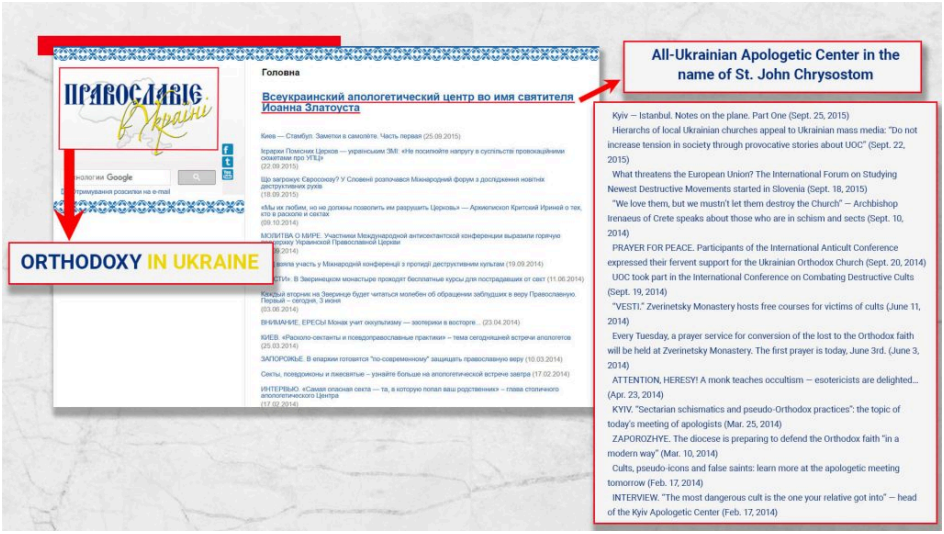
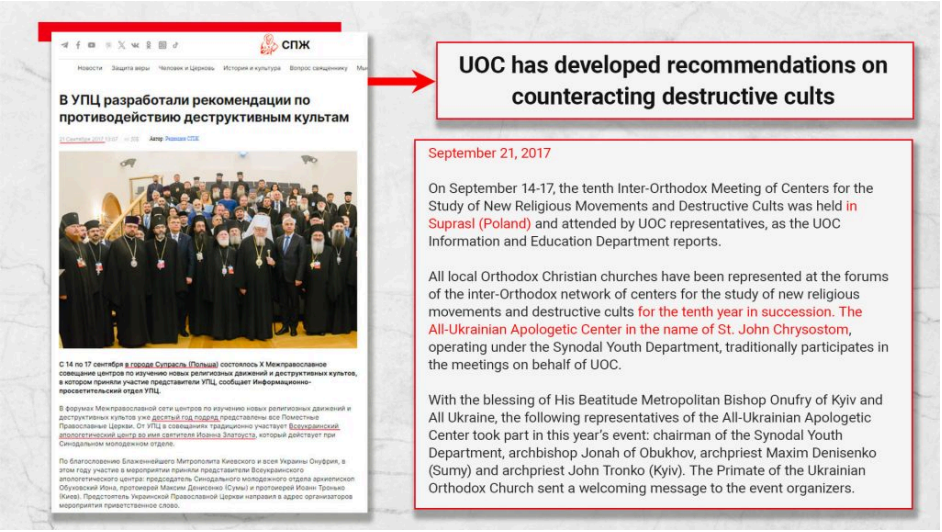


Screenshot from the archived version of the website “ORTHODOXY IN UKRAINE”

In the VK social media, there is also a preserved page of AUAC in the name of St. John Chrysostom [5], where they either stopped publishing information a few years ago or thoroughly cleaned up the publications.

Screenshot from VK social media

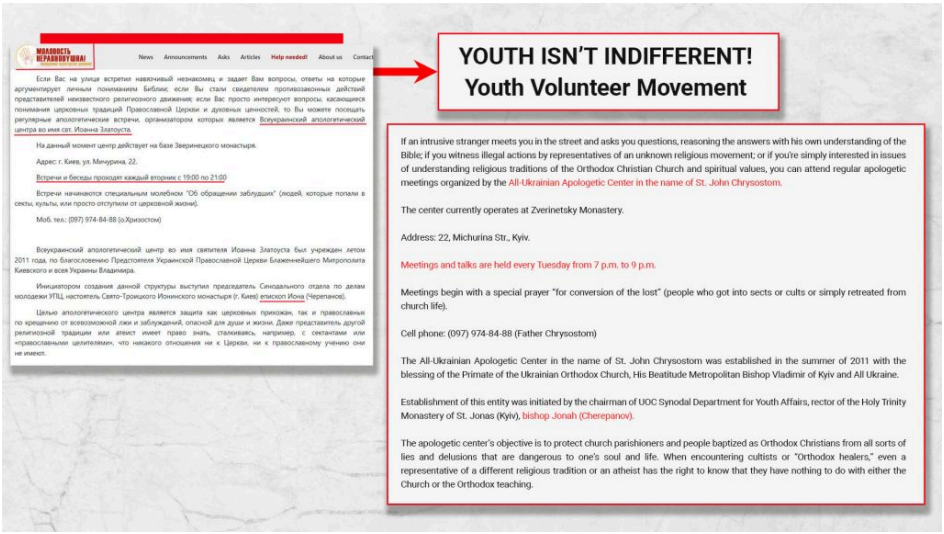
In 2017, Ukraine's neighboring country Poland hosted the tenth Inter-Orthodox Meeting of Centers for the Study of New Religious Movements and Destructive Cults, which was attended by UOC representatives [6] for the tenth year in succession.


СПЖ
В УПЦ разработали рекомендации по противодействию деструктивным культам
UOC has developed recommendations on counteracting destructive cults
September 21, 2017
On September 14-17, the tenth Inter-Orthodox Meeting of Centers for the Study of New Religious Movements and Destructive Cults was held in Suprasl (Poland) and attended by UOC representatives, as the UOC Information and Education Department reports.
All local Orthodox Christian churches have been represented at the forums of the inter-Orthodox network of centers for the study of new religious movements and destructive cults for the tenth year in succession. The All-Ukrainian Apologetic Center in the name of St. John Chrysostom, operating under the Synodal Youth Department, traditionally participates in the meetings on behalf of UOC.
With the blessing of His Beatitude Metropolitan Bishop Onufry of Kyiv and All Ukraine, the following representatives of the All-Ukrainian Apologetic Center took part in this year's event: chairman of the Synodal Youth Department, archbishop Jonah of Obukhov, archpriest Maxim Denisenko (Sumy) and archpriest John Tronko (Kyiv). The Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church sent a welcoming message to the event organizers.

Screenshot from СПЖ (SPZh) website

Apart from the chiefs of AUAC departments and priests of the dioceses, AUAC involved a considerable number of young activists and executors [7] who were recruited by RACIRS agents and in whose heads reality was deformed through anti-cult influence or, if we call things by their proper names, through special psychological conditioning of anti-cult agents' consciousness by anti-cultists. The presence of youth created

an additional effect of mass involvement in artificial formation of public opinion and helped solving technical tasks and strengthening information influence via the Internet.


МОЛОДІСТЬ НЕ ПРАЙДЕШ ШОВ!
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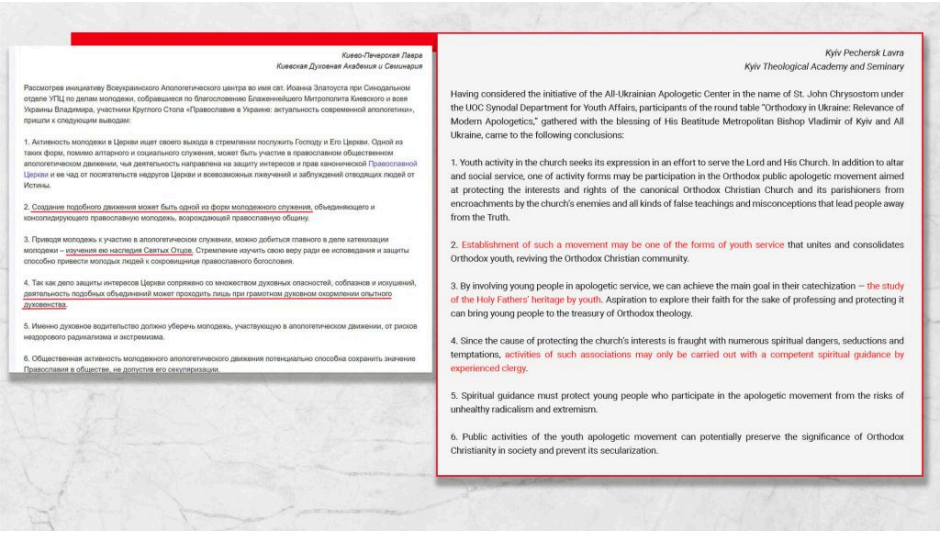
Если Вас на улице встретил навязчивый незнакомец и задает Вам вопросы, ответы на которые аргументирует личным пониманием Библии; если Вы стали свидетелем противозаконных действий представителей неизвестного религиозного движения; если Вас просто интересуют вопросы, касающиеся понимания церковных традиций Православной Церкви и духовных ценностей, то Вы можете посещать регулярные апологетические встречи, организатором которых является Всеукраинский апологетический центр во имя свт. Иоанна Златоуста.
На данный момент центр действует на базе Зверинецкого монастыря.
Адрес: г. Киев, ул. Мичурина, 22.
Встречи и беседы проходят каждый вторник с 19:00 по 21:00
Встречи начинаются специальным молебном "Об обращении заблудших" (людей, которые попали в секты, культы, или просто отступили от церковной жизни).
Моб. тел.: (097) 974-84-88 (о.Хризостом)
Всеукраинский апологетический центр во имя святителя Иоанна Златоуста был учрежден летом 2011 года, по благословению Предстоятеля Украинской Православной Церкви Блаженнейшего Митрополита Киевского и всея Украины Владимира.
Инициатором создания данной структуры выступил председатель Синодального отдела по делам молодежи УПЦ, настоятель Свято-Троицкого Ионинского монастыря (г. Киев) епископ Иона (Черепанов).
Целью апологетического центра является защита как церковных прихожан, так и православных по крещению от всевозможной лжи и заблуждений, опасной для души и жизни. Даже представитель другой религиозной традиции или атеист имеет право знать, сталкиваясь, например, с сектантами или «православными целителями», что никакого отношения ни к Церкви, ни к православному учению они не имеют.
YOUTH ISN'T INDIFFERENT!
Youth Volunteer Movement
If an intrusive stranger meets you in the street and asks you questions, reasoning the answers with his own understanding of the Bible; if you witness illegal actions by representatives of an unknown religious movement; or if you're simply interested in issues of understanding religious traditions of the Orthodox Christian Church and spiritual values, you can attend regular apologetic meetings organized by the All-Ukrainian Apologetic Center in the name of St. John Chrysostom.
The center currently operates at Zverinetsky Monastery.
Address: 22, Michurina Str., Kyiv.
Meetings and talks are held every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Meetings begin with a special prayer "for conversion of the lost" (people who got into sects or cults or simply retreated from church life).
Cell phone: (097) 974-84-88 (Father Chrysostom)
The All-Ukrainian Apologetic Center in the name of St. John Chrysostom was established in the summer of 2011 with the blessing of the Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, His Beatitude Metropolitan Bishop Vladimir of Kyiv and All Ukraine.
Establishment of this entity was initiated by the chairman of UOC Synodal Department for Youth Affairs, rector of the Holy Trinity Monastery of St. Jonas (Kyiv), bishop Jonah (Cherepanov).
The apologetic center's objective is to protect church parishioners and people baptized as Orthodox Christians from all sorts of lies and delusions that are dangerous to one's soul and life. When encountering cultists or "Orthodox healers," even a representative of a different religious tradition or an atheist has the right to know that they have nothing to do with either the Church or the Orthodox teaching.

Screenshot from the website "YOUTH ISN'T INDIFFERENT"

Formation of a youth apologetic movement for serving in AUAC is described on the ukrsekta website [8].



Киево-Печерская Лавра
Киевская Духовная Академия и Семинария

Рассмотрев инициативу Всеукраинского Апологетического центра во имя свт. Иоанна Златоуста при Синодальном отделе УПЦ по делам молодежи, собравшиеся по благословению Блаженнейшего Митрополита Киевского и всея Украины Владимира, участники Круглого Стола «Православие в Украине: актуальность современной апологетики», пришли к следующим выводам:

1. Активность молодежи в Церкви ищет своего выхода в стремлении послужить Господу и Его Церкви. Одной из таких форм, помимо алтарного и социального служения, может быть участие в православном общественном апологетическом движении, чья деятельность направлена на защиту интересов и прав канонической Православной Церкви и ее чад от посягательств недругов Церкви и всевозможных лжеучений и заблуждений отводящих людей от Истины.

2. Создание подобного движения может быть одной из форм молодежного служения, объединяющего и консолидирующего православную молодежь, возрождающей православную общину.

3. Приводя молодежь к участию в апологетическом служении, можно добиться главного в деле катехизации молодежи – изучения ею наследия Святых Отцов. Стремление изучить свою веру ради ее исповедания и защиты способно привести молодых людей к сокровищнице православного богословия.

4. Так как дело защиты интересов Церкви сопряжено со множеством духовных опасностей, соблазнов и искушений, деятельность подобных объединений может проходить лишь при грамотном духовном окормлении опытного духовенства.

5. Именно духовное водительство должно уберечь молодежь, участвующую в апологетическом движении, от рисков неадорового радикализма и экстремизма.

6. Общественная активность молодежного апологетического движения потенциально способна сохранить значение Православия в обществе, не допустив его секуляризации.

Kyiv Pechersk Lavra
Kyiv Theological Academy and Seminary

Having considered the initiative of the All-Ukrainian Apologetic Center in the name of St. John Chrysostom under the UOC Synodal Department for Youth Affairs, participants of the round table "Orthodoxy in Ukraine: Relevance of Modern Apologetics," gathered with the blessing of His Beatitude Metropolitan Bishop Vladimir of Kyiv and All Ukraine, came to the following conclusions:

1. Youth activity in the church seeks its expression in an effort to serve the Lord and His Church. In addition to altar and social service, one of activity forms may be participation in the Orthodox public apologetic movement aimed at protecting the interests and rights of the canonical Orthodox Christian Church and its parishioners from encroachments by the church's enemies and all kinds of false teachings and misconceptions that lead people away from the Truth.

2. Establishment of such a movement may be one of the forms of youth service that unites and consolidates Orthodox youth, reviving the Orthodox Christian community.

3. By involving young people in apologetic service, we can achieve the main goal in their catechization – the study of the Holy Fathers' heritage by youth. Aspiration to explore their faith for the sake of professing and protecting it can bring young people to the treasury of Orthodox theology.

4. Since the cause of protecting the church's interests is fraught with numerous spiritual dangers, seductions and temptations, activities of such associations may only be carried out with a competent spiritual guidance by experienced clergy.

5. Spiritual guidance must protect young people who participate in the apologetic movement from the risks of unhealthy radicalism and extremism.

6. Public activities of the youth apologetic movement can potentially preserve the significance of Orthodox Christianity in society and prevent its secularization.

Screenshot from UKRSEKTA website

Another fact is very interesting, too. While the main anti-cult center of RACIRS in Russia is the Center for Religious Studies in the name of Irenaeus of Lyon, for the Ukrainian center they chose the name of St. John Chrysostom. A question arises, however: did the one who decided to name the apologetic center after this saint make his choice consciously, or did someone give him a hint? After all, if in this way young people are supposed to join the study of the holy fathers' heritage in order to protect their faith (as indicated in the document on the screenshot), how will the following sayings by the holy fathers, e.g. the one after whom the apologetic center is named, affect youth?

Let us present to your attention the famous St. John Chrysostom (fourth century AD), who is frequently quoted in Orthodoxy and whose words are particularly attractive to those hierarchs that support the narratives of Nazi ideologists from RACIRS:

In his **Homily IV "Against the Jews"**, St. John Chrysostom said the following: *"Suppose* ***someone slays another in accordance with God's will. This slaying is better than any loving-kindness. Let someone spare another and show him great love and kindness against God's decree. To spare the other's life would be more unholy than any slaying****. For it is God's will and not the nature of things that makes the same actions good or bad."* These are the words by a man called a saint.

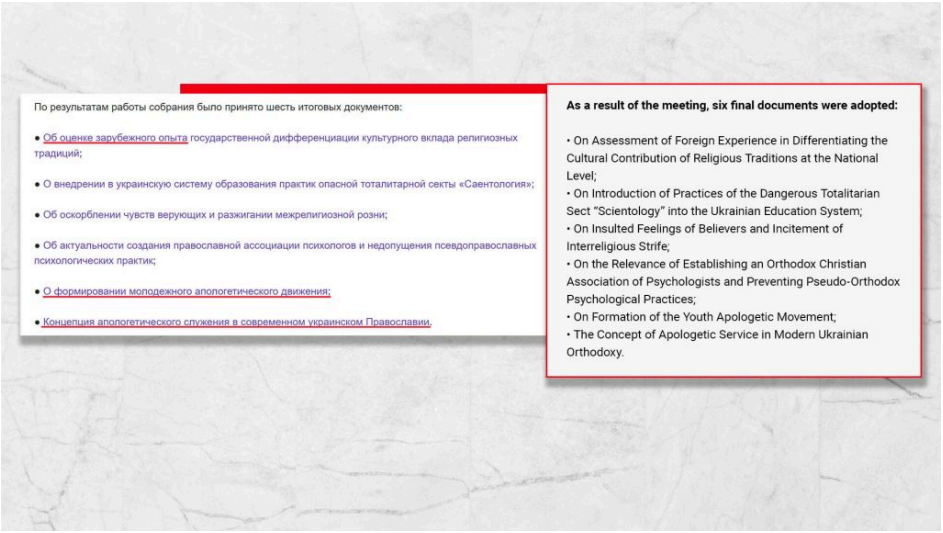
However, what did Jesus Christ teach? *"You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.'"* (Matthew 5:21 NLT)

For anti-cultists in the church ranks, a man who calls for killing by God's will is superior to Jesus Christ Himself. This man is the one whose will an anti-cult agent will carry out when they are ordered to go and commit murder. A question arises: what does Christianity have to do with that, and who is actually the mouthpiece of God's will in the understanding of anti-cultists? Only ROC hierarchs may be those mouthpieces because all

other religious organizations aren't Orthodox Christian, thus not being authentic as anti-cultists like to repeat.

Here's another quote by St. John Chrysostom from the **Homily IV "Against the Jews"**: *"The man who struck the prophet was saved; the one who spared the prophet was punished. Why?* ***That you may learn that, when God commands, you must not question too much the nature of the action; you have only to obey."*** Yet, the will of *which* god must be obeyed in this case if it implies violation of one of God's main commandments: "Do not kill!"?

It is worth immediately delving into several pages of the website ukrsekta.info [9] where you can trace how members of AUAC execute some of the instructions from RACIRS manuals. For instance, on November 24-25, 2011, a round table "Orthodoxy in Ukraine: Relevance of Modern Apologetics" was held. On March 3, 2012, the documents [10] adopted at the round table were sent to UOC Episcopate and the public, to be more precise: to all UOC dioceses, as well as to the **President of Ukraine, members of the Ukrainian Parliament and executive authorities**.


По результатам работы собрания было принято шесть итоговых документов:
• Об оценке зарубежного опыта государственной дифференциации культурного вклада религиозных традиций;
• О внедрении в украинскую систему образования практик опасной тоталитарной секты «Саентология»;
• Об оскорблении чувств верующих и разжигании межрелигиозной розни;
• Об актуальности создания православной ассоциации психологов и недопущения псевдоправославных психологических практик;
• О формировании молодежного апологетического движения;
• Концепция апологетического служения в современном украинском Православии.
As a result of the meeting, six final documents were adopted:
• On Assessment of Foreign Experience in Differentiating the Cultural Contribution of Religious Traditions at the National Level;
• On Introduction of Practices of the Dangerous Totalitarian Sect "Scientology" into the Ukrainian Education System;
• On Insulted Feelings of Believers and Incitement of Interreligious Strife;
• On the Relevance of Establishing an Orthodox Christian Association of Psychologists and Preventing Pseudo-Orthodox Psychological Practices;
• On Formation of the Youth Apologetic Movement;
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As a result of the meeting, six final documents were adopted:

On Assessment of Foreign Experience in Differentiating the Cultural Contribution of Religious Traditions at the National Level;

- On Introduction of Practices of the Dangerous Totalitarian Sect "Scientology" into the Ukrainian Education System;
- On Insulted Feelings of Believers and Incitement of Interreligious Strife;
- On the Relevance of Establishing an Orthodox Christian Association of Psychologists and Preventing Pseudo-Orthodox Psychological Practices;
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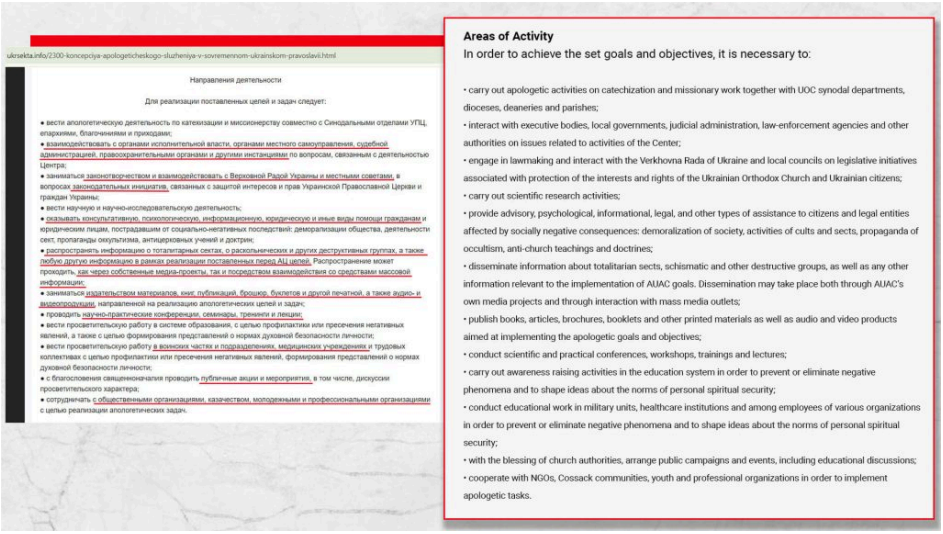
Special attention should be paid to the document entitled "On Assessment of **Foreign Experience** in Differentiating the Cultural Contribution of Religious Traditions at the National Level" [11]. Here's a quote from this document: *"It would be relevant if the* ***leaders of Ukraine started working jointly with representatives of traditional religions*** *on finding ways to optimally* ***improve Ukrainian legislation according to European practices****. Perhaps, an appropriate step could be* ***establishing a joint commission from among representatives of legislative and executive bodies and traditional canonical religions****."*

This document contains many references to the experience of European countries, but it doesn't mention that in the vast majority of those countries anti-cult organizations have already been operating for a long period of time, being official members of the French umbrella federation FECRIS whose vice-president since 2009 was the Russian anti-cultist Alexander Dvorkin (at that time, he was already the president of the notorious RACIRS).

Yet, let's go back to RACIRS instructions. Before giving the first example of such instructions, for comparison, let's consider a document that presents the concept of apologetic service in modern Ukrainian Orthodoxy [12].



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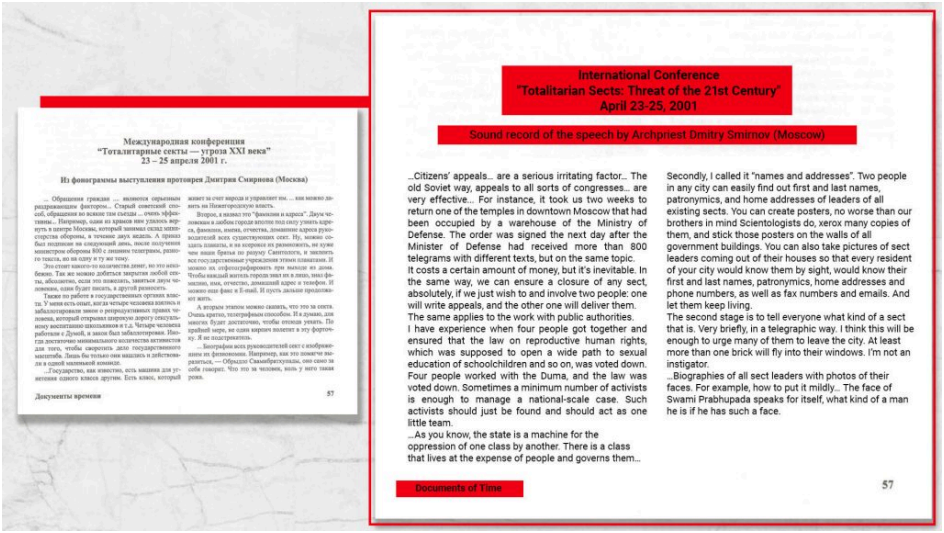
The document explicitly describes interference in public affairs of Ukrainian executive and legislative authorities. Here are some excerpts from the screenshot above:

- *"interact with* ***executive bodies, local governments, judicial administration, law-enforcement agencies*** *and other authorities...;"*
- *"****engage in lawmaking and interact with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine*** *and local councils on legislative initiatives;"*
- *"disseminate information about totalitarian sects... as well as* ***any other information relevant to the implementation of AUAC*** *[apologetic center]* ***goals****... both through AUAC's own media projects and through interaction with mass media outlets;"*

- *“publish books, articles, brochures, booklets and other printed materials as well as audio and video products;”*
- *“conduct educational work in military units, healthcare institutions and among employees of various organizations;”*
- *“arrange public campaigns and events,” etc.*

Now, let’s compare these instructions with the instructions voiced by archpriest Dmitry Smirnov [13] at the anti-cult conference “Totalitarian Sects: Threat of the 21st Century” organized by Alexander Dvorkin in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, in 2001:



Международная конференция
“Тоталитарные секты — угроза XXI века”
23 – 25 апреля 2001 г.

Из фонограммы выступления протоиерея Дмитрия Смирнова (Москва)

...Обращения граждан ... являются серьезным раздражающим фактором... Старый советский способ, обращения во всякие там съезды ... очень эффективны... Например, один из храмов или уважаемую нами в центре Москвы, который занимал склад министерства обороны, в течение двух недель. А приказ был подписан на следующий день, после получения министром обороны 800 с лишним телеграмм, разного текста, но на одну и ту же тему.

Это стоит какого-то количества денег, но это неизбежно. Так же можно добиться закрытия любой секты, абсолютно, если это пожелать, заняться двумя человеками, один будет писать, а другой размножать.

Также по работе в государственных органах власти. У меня есть опыт, когда четыре человека взялись и заблаговременно явно о репродуктивных правах человека, который открывал широкую дорогу сексуальному воспитанию школьников и т.д. Четыре человека работали с Думой, и закон был заблаговременно. Имея достаточно минимального количества активистов для того, чтобы сворачивать дело государственного масштаба. Лишь бы только они нашлись и действовали в одной маленькой команде.

...Государство, как известно, есть машина для устранения одного класса другим. Есть класс, который живет за счет народа и управляет им. ... или можно делать по Нижнетроицкую власть.

Второе, я назвал это “фамилии и адреса”. Двум человекам в любом городе вполне под силу узнать адреса, фамилии, имена, отчества, домашние адреса руководителей всех существующих сект. Ну, можно создать плакаты, а на которых их размножить, не нужно чем иным бритья по разному Санкт-Петер, и звонить все государственные учреждения этими плакатами. И можно их сфотографировать при выходе из дома. Чтобы каждый житель города знал их в лицо, знал фамилию, имя, отчество, домашний адрес и телефон. И можно еще факс и E-mail. И пусть дальше продолжают жить.

А второй этапом можно сказать, что это за секта. Очень кратко, телеграфным способом. Я к думаю, для многих будет достаточно, чтобы отсюда уехать. По крайней мере, не один кирпич полетит в эту фирму. Я не сторонник.

...Биографии всех руководителей сект с изображением их физиономии. Например, как это помогает выражаться, — Образом Самосфокусника, они само за себя говорят. Что это за человек, жить у него такая рожа.

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International Conference
“Totalitarian Sects: Threat of the 21st Century”
April 23-25, 2001

Sound record of the speech by Archpriest Dmitry Smirnov (Moscow)

...Citizens’ appeals... are a serious irritating factor... The old Soviet way, appeals to all sorts of congresses... are very effective... For instance, it took us two weeks to return one of the temples in downtown Moscow that had been occupied by a warehouse of the Ministry of Defense. The order was signed the next day after the Minister of Defense had received more than 800 telegrams with different texts, but on the same topic.
It costs a certain amount of money, but it’s inevitable. In the same way, we can ensure a closure of any sect, absolutely, if we just wish to and involve two people; one will write appeals, and the other one will deliver them.
The same applies to the work with public authorities.
I have experience when four people got together and ensured that the law on reproductive human rights, which was supposed to open a wide path to sexual education of schoolchildren and so on, was voted down. Four people worked with the Duma, and the law was voted down. Sometimes a minimum number of activists is enough to manage a national-scale case. Such activists should just be found and should act as one little team.
...As you know, the state is a machine for the oppression of one class by another. There is a class that lives at the expense of people and governs them...

Secondly, I called it “names and addresses”. Two people in any city can easily find out first and last names, patronymics, and home addresses of leaders of all existing sects. You can create posters, no worse than our brothers in mind Scientologists do, xerox many copies of them, and stick those posters on the walls of all government buildings. You can also take pictures of sect leaders coming out of their houses so that every resident of your city would know them by sight, would know their first and last names, patronymics, home addresses and phone numbers, as well as fax numbers and emails. And let them keep living.
The second stage is to tell everyone what kind of a sect that is. Very briefly, in a telegraphic way. I think this will be enough to urge many of them to leave the city. At least more than one brick will fly into their windows. I’m not an instigator.
...Biographies of all sect leaders with photos of their faces. For example, how to put it mildly... The face of Swami Prabhupada speaks for itself, what kind of a man he is if he has such a face.

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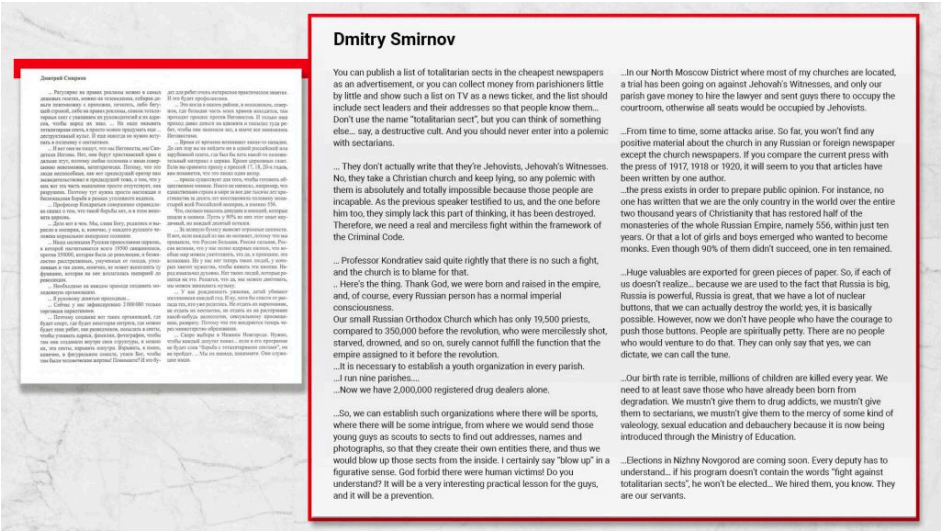

Dmitry Smirnov

You can publish a list of totalitarian sects in the cheapest newspapers as an advertisement, or you can collect money from parishioners little by little and show such a list on TV as a news ticker, and the list should include sect leaders and their addresses so that people know them... Don't use the name "totalitarian sect", but you can think of something else... say, a destructive cult. And you should never enter into a polemic with sectarians.

... They don't actually write that they're Jehovists, Jehovah's Witnesses. No, they take a Christian church and keep lying, so any polemic with them is absolutely and totally impossible because those people are incapable. As the previous speaker testified to us, and the one before him too, they simply lack this part of thinking, it has been destroyed. Therefore, we need a real and merciless fight within the framework of the Criminal Code.

... Professor Kondratiev said quite rightly that there is no such a fight, and the church is to blame for that.
.. Here's the thing. Thank God, we were born and raised in the empire, and, of course, every Russian person has a normal imperial consciousness.
Our small Russian Orthodox Church which has only 19,500 priests, compared to 350,000 before the revolution, who were mercilessly shot, starved, drowned, and so on, surely cannot fulfill the function that the empire assigned to it before the revolution.
...It is necessary to establish a youth organization in every parish.
...I run nine parishes....
...Now we have 2,000,000 registered drug dealers alone.

...So, we can establish such organizations where there will be sports, where there will be some intrigue, from where we would send those young guys as scouts to sects to find out addresses, names and photographs, so that they create their own entities there, and thus we would blow up those sects from the inside. I certainly say "blow up" in a figurative sense. God forbid there were human victims! Do you understand? It will be a very interesting practical lesson for the guys, and it will be a prevention.

...In our North Moscow District where most of my churches are located, a trial has been going on against Jehovah's Witnesses, and only our parish gave money to hire the lawyer and sent guys there to occupy the courtroom, otherwise all seats would be occupied by Jehovists.

...From time to time, some attacks arise. So far, you won't find any positive material about the church in any Russian or foreign newspaper except the church newspapers. If you compare the current press with the press of 1917, 1918 or 1920, it will seem to you that articles have been written by one author.
...the press exists in order to prepare public opinion. For instance, no one has written that we are the only country in the world over the entire two thousand years of Christianity that has restored half of the monasteries of the whole Russian Empire, namely 556, within just ten years. Or that a lot of girls and boys emerged who wanted to become monks. Even though 90% of them didn't succeed, one in ten remained.

...Huge valuables are exported for green pieces of paper. So, if each of us doesn't realize... because we are used to the fact that Russia is big, Russia is powerful, Russia is great, that we have a lot of nuclear buttons, that we can actually destroy the world; yes, it is basically possible. However, now we don't have people who have the courage to push those buttons. People are spiritually petty. There are no people who would venture to do that. They can only say that yes, we can dictate, we can call the tune.

...Our birth rate is terrible, millions of children are killed every year. We need to at least save those who have already been born from degradation. We mustn't give them to drug addicts, we mustn't give them to sectarians, we mustn't give them to the mercy of some kind of valeology, sexual education and debauchery because it is now being introduced through the Ministry of Education.

...Elections in Nizhny Novgorod are coming soon. Every deputy has to understand... if his program doesn't contain the words "fight against totalitarian sects", he won't be elected... We hired them, you know. They are our servants.

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Back in 2001, Russian anti-cultists issued detailed instructions on how to counteract any undesirable organizations; how to interfere with the competences of legislative, executive and judicial bodies as well as state registration agencies; and how to violate the law, the fundamental democratic principles, presumption of innocence, pluralism of opinions and human rights. From their instructions we find out how even two individuals, using artificially formed public opinion, can ensure closure of any undesirable organization or arrange a nation-scale case.

Moreover, there are dehumanizing methods such as labeling and stigmatization of targeted organizations and people.

Implementation of these recommendations can be seen in the Ukrainian information and legislative space over the last 12 years. The flywheel of destructive impact launched by Russian anti-cultists in 2001 at the conference in Nizhny Novgorod ultimately gained momentum in Ukraine 10 years later and hasn't stopped to this day. It is even pointless to comment on some of the statements in the conference records:

– *"Every deputy needs to understand that if their program doesn't include the words 'fight against totalitarian sects,' they won't succeed. We hired them, you see. They work for us."*

– *"Thank God, we were born and raised in an empire, and of course, every Russian person has a natural imperial consciousness."*

– *"It's necessary to establish a youth organization in every parish... So, creating such organizations where there's sports, some intrigue, and where we can send these guys, like scouts, into sects to gather addresses, names, and photos, so that they can create internal structures and blow up these sects from the inside."*

– *"... We are used to the idea that Russia is vast, Russia is strong, Russia is great, and that we have plenty of nuclear buttons, that we could destroy the world if we wanted. Yes,*

theoretically, it's possible. But we no longer have people with the courage to push those buttons. Our people have spiritually diminished. There are no longer individuals who would dare do it. Dare to say, yes, we can dictate, we can call the tune."

– "'Names and addresses.' Two people in any city can easily find out the names, patronymics, addresses, and home details of all the leaders of existing sects. ...You can photograph them as they leave their homes. ***Let every city resident know their faces, first and last names, patronymics, home addresses, and phone numbers... and let them continue to live like that.****"*

This was how the Nazis operated once, and today, nothing has changed. By the way, it wasn't just the Nazis — this was also how the Bolsheviks operated.

RACIRS Agents in UGCC (Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church)

The above is just one of many examples that convey the true goals of anti-cult organizations. Not only the AUAC in the name of St. John Chrysostom, organized under the UOC, followed RACIRS's instructions. The implementation of these instructions can be traced in another Christian denomination

in Ukraine — the UGCC (Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church). Let us present an example from Halyna Bilak's study, "Specifics of using PR technologies in the communicative activities of the 'Dohnal Sect' and UGCC's anti-sectarian campaign" [14].

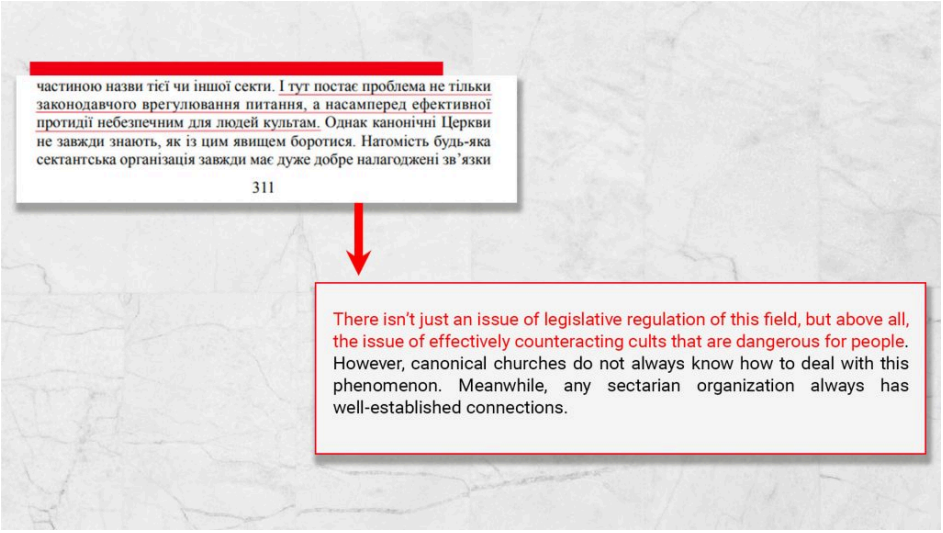
The first and obvious feature of this document is the use of the Nazi method of branding with dehumanizing labels like "sect" and "cult." It should be noted that these stigmas were coined into the information field in the former USSR countries in 1993 by Alexander Dvorkin, a disciple of Johannes Aagaard, who continued the activities of Nazi ideologists.

The document begins with the following statement: *"One of the problems that is particularly evident today, and that requires the use of PR tools by the Churches, is the spread of various sects (cults) in Ukraine."* It then mentions organizations such as "Embassy of the Blessed Kingdom of God," "Jehovah's Witnesses," and "The Unification Church." In this way, another method of Nazi anti-cultists and Hitler himself [15] — the method of guilt by association — is tacitly implemented.

*After the failed assassination attempt of July 20, Hitler invoked the ancient tradition known as *Sippenhaft* to punish the crimes of those considered traitors. With *Sippenhaft,* a person could be guilty simply **by association**. Starting with those connected to the failed attack, family members, friends,

and colleagues of the conspirators were also held responsible. This tradition was used to justify the imprisonment and sometimes murder of thousands of people.

Special attention in this work is given to the so-called "Dohnalites," or the UOGCC (Ukrainian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church). The document further notes that the problem is not only about legislative regulation of the "cults" issue, but primarily about how to counter them effectively.



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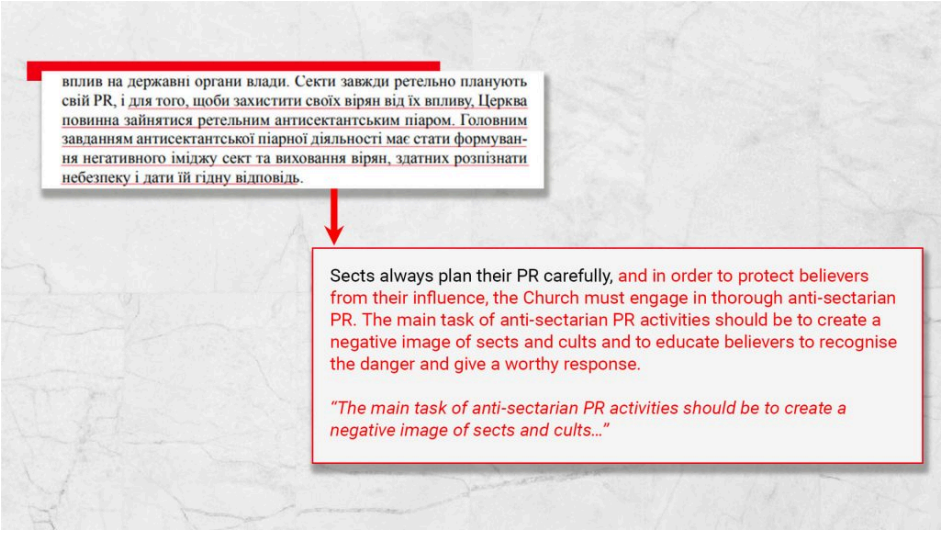
Afterwards, detailed instructions are provided to the canonical churches in Ukraine, particularly the UGCC (since the document directly concerns it), outlining what actions they should take and how to counter unrecognized non-canonical

organizations, which are deliberately dehumanized in the document with the derogatory labels of “sect” and “cult”.


вплив на державні органи влади. Секти завжди ретельно планують свій PR, і для того, щоби захистити своїх вірян від їх впливу, Церква повинна зайнятися ретельним антисектантським піаром. Головним завданням антисектантської піарної діяльності має стати формування негативного іміджу сект та виховання вірян, здатних розпізнати небезпеку і дати їй гідну відповідь.
Sects always plan their PR carefully, and in order to protect believers from their influence, the Church must engage in thorough anti-sectarian PR. The main task of anti-sectarian PR activities should be to create a negative image of sects and cults and to educate believers to recognise the danger and give a worthy response.
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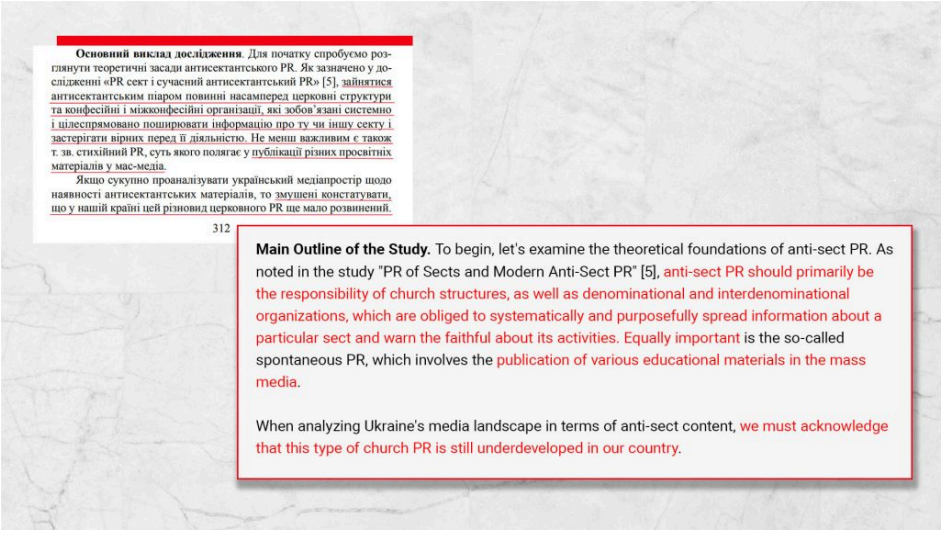
Being true masters of information warfare, RACIRS agents did not forget to mention in their recommendations an important aspect of informational influence on public consciousness – the importance of anti-sectarian publications in mass media:

“...anti-sect PR should primarily be the responsibility of church structures, as well as denominational and interdenominational organizations, which are ***obliged to systematically and purposefully spread information*** *about a particular sect and warn the faithful about its activities. Equally important is the*

so-called spontaneous PR, which involves the ***publication of various awareness raising materials in the mass media.”***



Основний виклад дослідження. Для початку спробуємо розглянути теоретичні засади антисектантського PR. Як зазначено у дослідженні «PR сект і сучасний антисектантський PR» [5], зайнятися антисектантським піаром повинні насамперед церковні структури та конфесійні і міжконфесійні організації, які зобов'язані системно і цілеспрямовано поширювати інформацію про ту чи іншу секту і застерігати вірних перед її діяльністю. Не менш важливим є також т. зв. стихійний PR, суть якого полягає у публікації різних просвітніх матеріалів у мас-медіа.

Якщо сукупно проаналізувати український медіапростір щодо наявності антисектантських матеріалів, то змушені констатувати, що у нашій країні цей різновид церковного PR ще мало розвинений.

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Main Outline of the Study. To begin, let's examine the theoretical foundations of anti-sect PR. As noted in the study "PR of Sects and Modern Anti-Sect PR" [5], anti-sect PR should primarily be the responsibility of church structures, as well as denominational and interdenominational organizations, which are obliged to systematically and purposefully spread information about a particular sect and warn the faithful about its activities. Equally important is the so-called spontaneous PR, which involves the publication of various educational materials in the mass media.

When analyzing Ukraine's media landscape in terms of anti-sect content, we must acknowledge that this type of church PR is still underdeveloped in our country.

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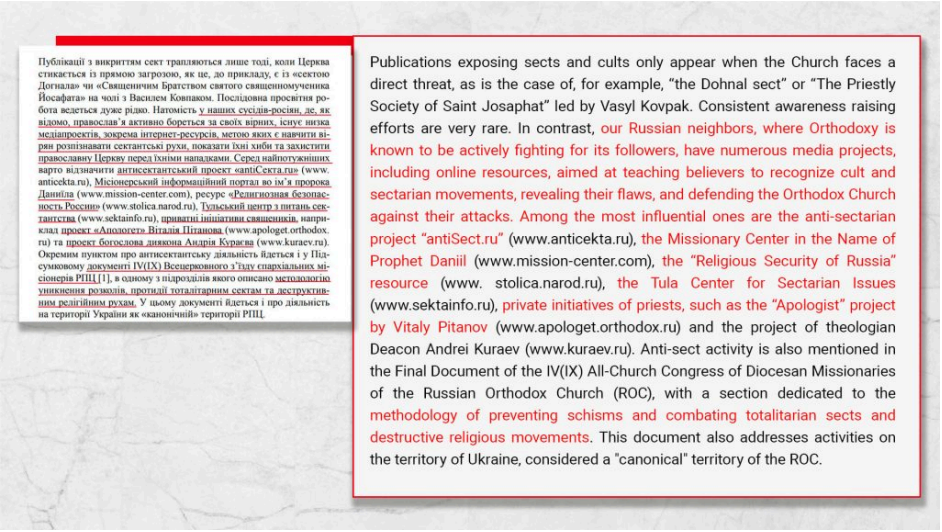
Interestingly, this document, addressed to the UGCC cites the work of Russian anti-cultists as an example of effective and successful anti-sect activity. Not only are they held up as an example, but their media projects and active internet campaigns are specifically highlighted. This is despite the fact that the UGCC, throughout its entire historical existence, has positioned itself as a unifying force for the Ukrainian people, filled with patriotic views and loyalty to Ukraine. Apparently, this didn’t prevent embedded agents from providing a list of Russian projects and anti-cult centers, conveniently “forgetting” to mention RACIRS itself. By that time, all anti-cult

activities in Russia, including centers and projects, had been long overseen and controlled by RACIRS. As we can see, their narratives, guidelines, and instructions became deeply ingrained in the work of anti-cult agents in Ukraine, and the results of their efforts are still evident today.



Публікації з викриттям сект трапляються лише тоді, коли Церква стикається із прямою загрозою, як це, до прикладу, є із «сектою Догнала» чи «Священичим Братством святого священномученика Йосафата» на чолі з Василем Ковпаком. Послідовна просвітня робота ведеться дуже рідко. Натомість у наших сусідів-росіян, де, як відомо, православ'я активно борється за своїх вірних, існує низка медіапроектів, зокрема інтернет-ресурсів, метою яких є навчити вірян розпізнавати сектантські рухи, показати їхні хиби та захистити православну Церкву перед їхніми нападками. Серед найпотужніших варто відзначити антисектантський проект «antiСекта.ru» (www.anticekta.ru), Місіонерський інформаційний портал во ім'я пророка Даниїла (www.mission-center.com), ресурс «Религиозная безопасность России» (www.stolica.narod.ru), Тульський центр з питань сектантства (www.sektainfo.ru), приватні ініціативи священиків, наприклад проект «Апологет» Віталія Питанова (www.apologet.orthodox.ru) та проект богослова диякона Андрія Кураєва (www.kuraev.ru). Окремим пунктом про антисектантську діяльність йдеться і у Підсумковому документі IV(IX) Всецерковного з'їзду єпархіальних місіонерів РПЦ [1], в одному з підрозділів якого описано методологію уникнення розколів, протидії тоталітарним сектам та деструктивним релігійним рухам. У цьому документі йдеться і про діяльність на території України як «канонічній» території РПЦ.

Publications exposing sects and cults only appear when the Church faces a direct threat, as is the case of, for example, "the Dohnal sect" or "The Priestly Society of Saint Josaphat" led by Vasyl Kovpak. Consistent awareness raising efforts are very rare. In contrast, our Russian neighbors, where Orthodoxy is known to be actively fighting for its followers, have numerous media projects, including online resources, aimed at teaching believers to recognize cult and sectarian movements, revealing their flaws, and defending the Orthodox Church against their attacks. Among the most influential ones are the anti-sectarian project "antiSect.ru" (www.anticekta.ru), the Missionary Center in the Name of Prophet Daniil (www.mission-center.com), the "Religious Security of Russia" resource (www. stolica.narod.ru), the Tula Center for Sectarian Issues (www.sektainfo.ru), private initiatives of priests, such as the "Apologist" project by Vitaly Pitanov (www.apologet.orthodox.ru) and the project of theologian Deacon Andrei Kuraev (www.kuraev.ru). Anti-sect activity is also mentioned in the Final Document of the IV(IX) All-Church Congress of Diocesan Missionaries of the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC), with a section dedicated to the methodology of preventing schisms and combating totalitarian sects and destructive religious movements. This document also addresses activities on the territory of Ukraine, considered a "canonical" territory of the ROC.

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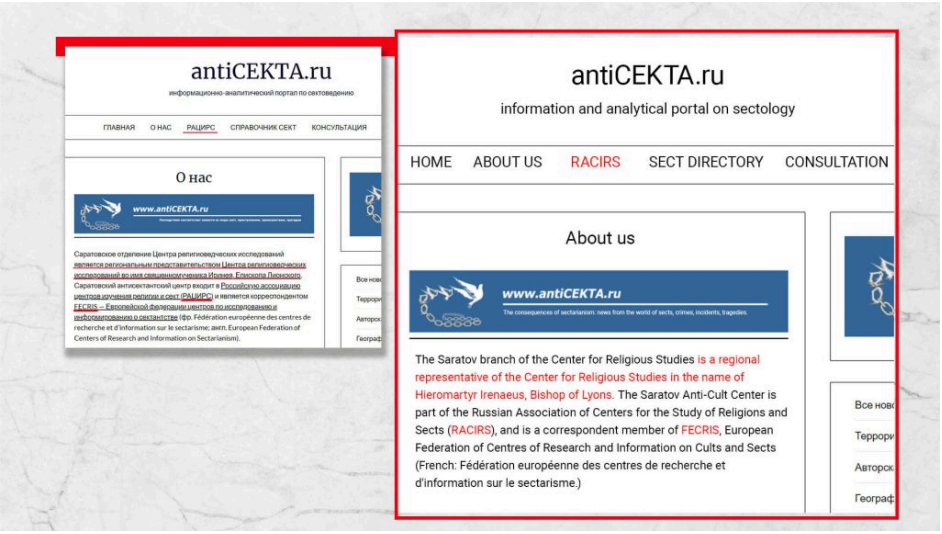
For example, the website antiCEKTA.ru [16] mentioned in the document is the Saratov branch of the Center for Religious Studies in the name of Irenaeus of Lyons, whose founder and president since 1993 is Alexander Dvorkin (who is also the president of RACIRS).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The Saratov branch of the Center for Religious Studies is a regional representative of the Center for Religious Studies in the name of Hieromartyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons. The Saratov Anti-Cult Center is part of the Russian Association of Centers for the Study of Religions and Sects (RACIRS), and is a correspondent member of FECRIS, European Federation of Centres of Research and Information on Cults and Sects (French: Fédération européenne des centres de recherche et d'information sur le sectarisme.)

Screenshot from the website antiCEKTA.ru

Or, for instance, another mentioned Russian anti-cult center, sektainfo.ru, provides a list of centers for information on sects, with a reference to RACIRS. In the “Library” section, it features anti-cult literature, including works by Alexander Dvorkin and American Steven Hassan. It appears no one was concerned that RACIRS, a Russian organization, was being held up as an example for Ukrainian traditional churches, in this case the UGCC. By 2012, RACIRS’ activities had already incorporated not only anti-sectarian rhetoric but also anti-Ukrainian and anti-democratic rhetoric. Its agents had long been spreading disinformation and conducting covert sabotage in Ukraine. Moreover, RACIRS agents had already been spreading the narrative that the first Maidan in Ukraine in 2004 was

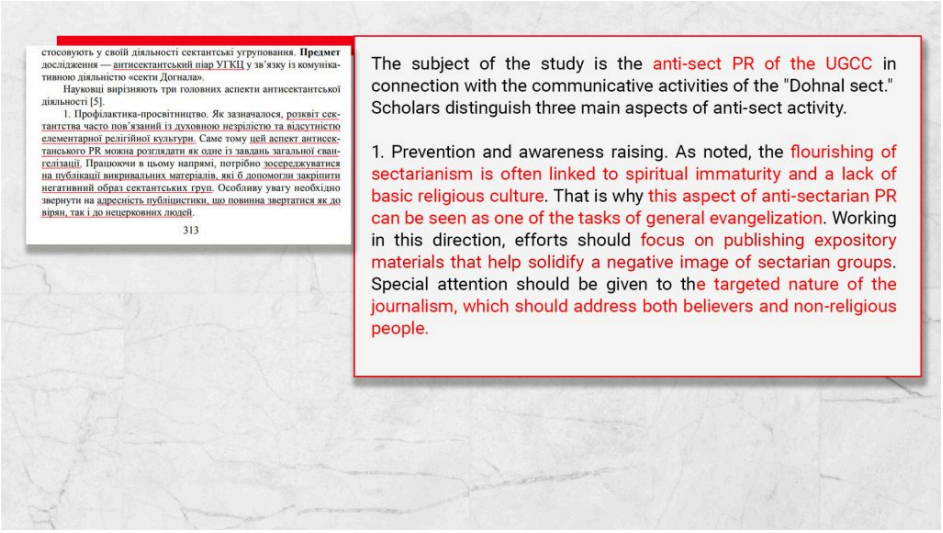
organized by “sectarians” and that “sectarians” were among its ranks.

Returning to the document “Specifics of using PR technologies in the communicative activities of the ‘Dohnal Sect’ and UGCC’s anti-sectarian campaign,” several “recommendations” concerning Ukrainian anti-sect activity are also provided.

Point 1 states, among other things, that efforts should “***focus on publishing expository materials that help solidify a negative image of sectarian groups.*** *Special attention should be given to the targeted nature of the journalism, which should address* ***both believers and non-religious people.”*** In other words, the goal of anti-cult organizations is to create and cement a deliberately negative image of undesirable groups in society, regardless of the actual facts, activities, or values within these organizations. Simply put, anti-cult “nazis” have for many years dehumanized citizens of their countries, violating the presumption of innocence with their branding and baseless accusations, and destroying the lives and futures of countless people.

This activity is a real act of sabotage within the country, undermining its integrity and waging a covert ideological war. How else can one describe the undermining of the rule of law, the Constitution, and the democratic principles that are the

foundation of a free and just civilized society? This is nothing less than a return from civilization to the darkness of dictatorship and totalitarianism.



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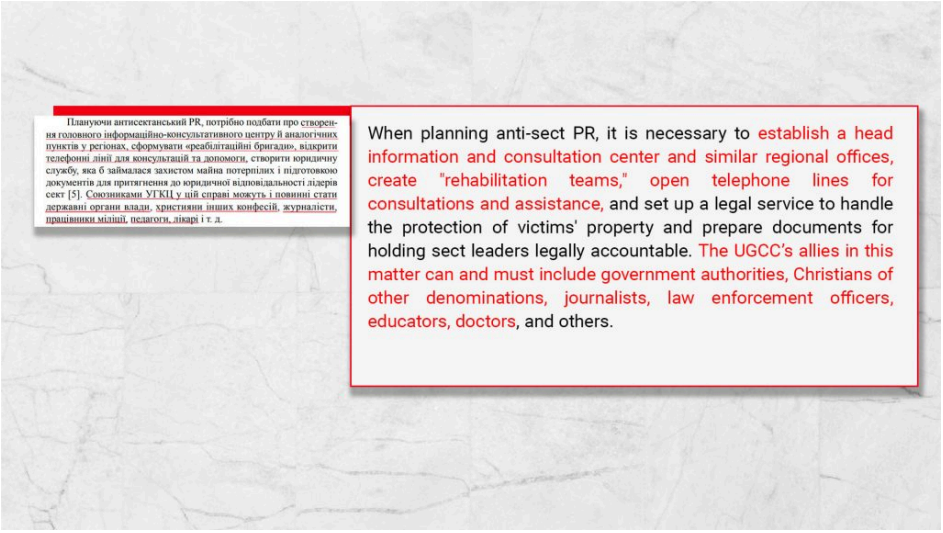
Let's specifically highlight point 2: "Rehabilitation of Former Sect Members." This is a favorite and key method used by anti-cultists—availability of "victims" who need protection. And if no victims exist, they start looking for them. This issue has been previously addressed in the article "The Role of Apostates in Anti-Cult Organizations: Creating the Fake Victim."

In point 3, we once again hear RACIRS' directive **to influence government authorities**. It begs the question: Who are these people who believe they have the right to dictate to the

governments of any country and seize control of the informational space in any nation? What kind of authority over authority is this?

Further down, in another excerpt from the document, we see the same instructions: “The UGCC’s allies in this matter can and **must include government authorities, Christians of other denominations, journalists, law enforcement officers, educators, doctors**, and others.” Just as anti-cult nationalism began spreading in Russia in 1993, by 2011-2012 it had fully infiltrated Ukraine. Similarly to how RACIRS representatives infiltrated other denominations (such as the same AUAC (UOC) and its dozens of diocesan apologetic centers), the UGCC is also urged to establish a head information and consultation center and similar regional offices.



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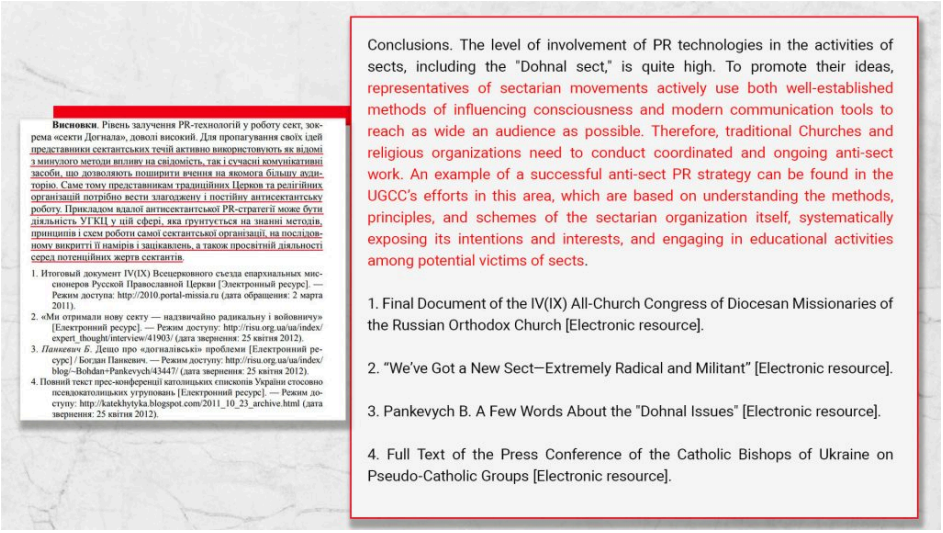

Висновки. Рівень залучення PR-технологій у роботу сект, зокрема «секти Догнала», доволі високий. Для пропагування своїх ідей представники сектантських течій активно використовують як відомі з минулого методи впливу на свідомість, так і сучасні комунікативні засоби, що дозволяють поширити вчення на якомога більшу аудиторію. Саме тому представникам традиційних Церков та релігійних організацій потрібно вести злагоджену і постійну антисектантську роботу. Прикладом вдалої антисектантської PR-стратегії може бути діяльність УГКЦ у цій сфері, яка ґрунтується на знанні методів, принципів і схем роботи самої сектантської організації, на послідовному викритті її намірів і зацікавлень, а також просвітній діяльності серед потенційних жертв сектантів.

1. Итоговый документ IV(IX) Всецерковного съезда епархиальных миссионеров Русской Православной Церкви [Электронный ресурс]. — Режим доступа: http://2010.portal-missia.ru (дата обращения: 2 марта 2011).
2. «Ми отримали нову секту — надзвичайно радикальну і войовничу» [Електронний ресурс]. — Режим доступу: http://risu.org.ua/ua/index/expert_thought/interview/41903/ (дата звернення: 25 квітня 2012).
3. *Панкевич Б.* Дещо про «догналівські» проблеми [Електронний ресурс] / Богдан Панкевич. — Режим доступу: http://risu.org.ua/ua/index/blog/~Bohdan+Pankevych/43447/ (дата звернення: 25 квітня 2012).
4. Повний текст прес-конференції католицьких єпископів України стосовно псевдокатолицьких угруповань [Електронний ресурс]. — Режим доступу: http://katekhytyka.blogspot.com/2011_10_23_archive.html (дата звернення: 25 квітня 2012).

Conclusions. The level of involvement of PR technologies in the activities of sects, including the "Dohnal sect," is quite high. To promote their ideas, representatives of sectarian movements actively use both well-established methods of influencing consciousness and modern communication tools to reach as wide an audience as possible. Therefore, traditional Churches and religious organizations need to conduct coordinated and ongoing anti-sect work. An example of a successful anti-sect PR strategy can be found in the UGCC's efforts in this area, which are based on understanding the methods, principles, and schemes of the sectarian organization itself, systematically exposing its intentions and interests, and engaging in educational activities among potential victims of sects.

1. Final Document of the IV(IX) All-Church Congress of Diocesan Missionaries of the Russian Orthodox Church [Electronic resource].

2. "We've Got a New Sect—Extremely Radical and Militant" [Electronic resource].

3. Pankevych B. A Few Words About the "Dohnal Issues" [Electronic resource].

4. Full Text of the Press Conference of the Catholic Bishops of Ukraine on Pseudo-Catholic Groups [Electronic resource].

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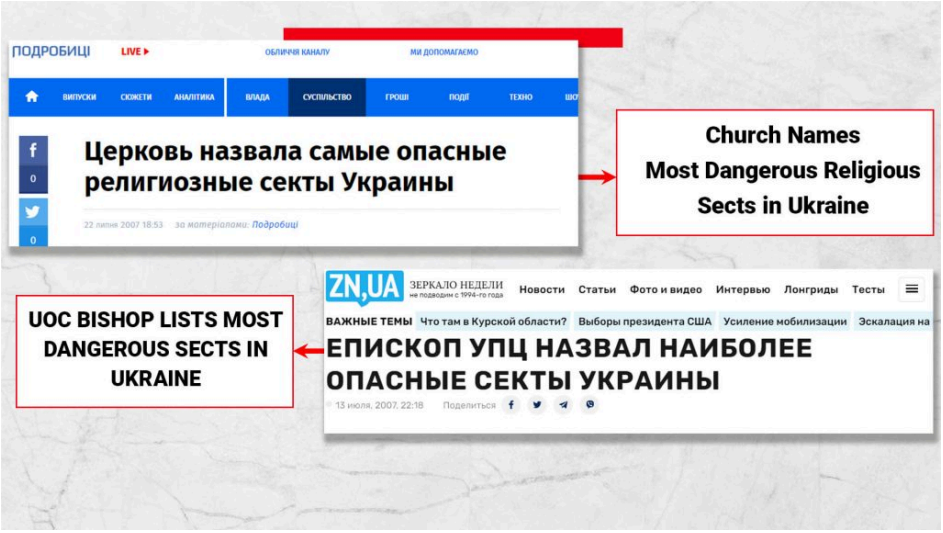
It has also been observed that before 2011, there were already anti-cult publications in Ukrainian media [17, 18] that used dehumanizing labels like “sect” and “cult” and mentioned RACIRS leaders (e.g., RACIRS Vice President Archpriest A. Novopashin) [19]. Interestingly, in 2004, another anti-cult conference titled “Totalitarian Sects and the Democratic State” was held in Novosibirsk. Among the 612 registered participants, there were also citizens from Ukraine. Moreover, 2006, the year RACIRS was founded, marked the consolidation of all Russian regional anti-cult centers under this organization and the intensification of anti-cult activities in

neighboring countries. In addition to these factors, another reason for the emergence of such publications in the Ukrainian media space was the need for informational processing of the population, preparing the ground, creating the appearance of a problem and danger, in other words, creating the illusion of the need for anti-cult organizations in society.



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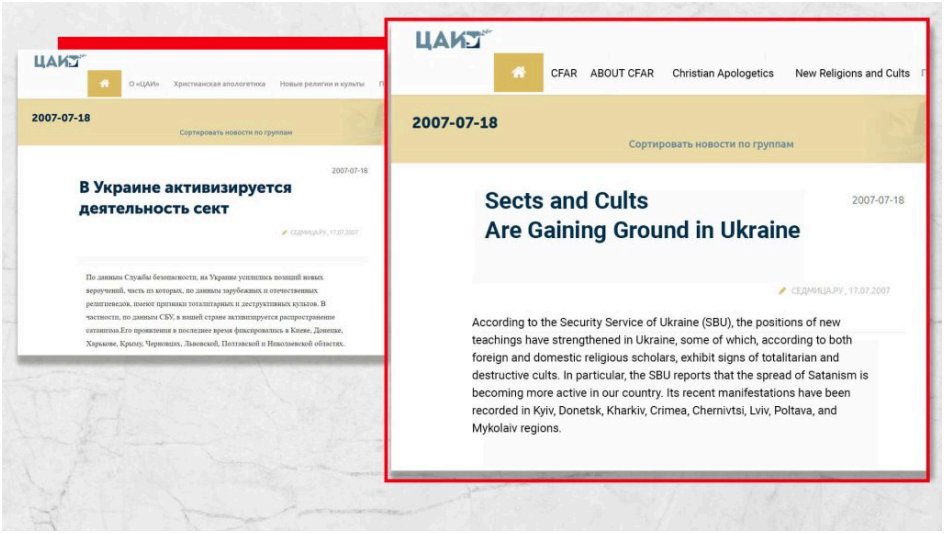
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Sects and Cults Are Gaining Ground in Ukraine
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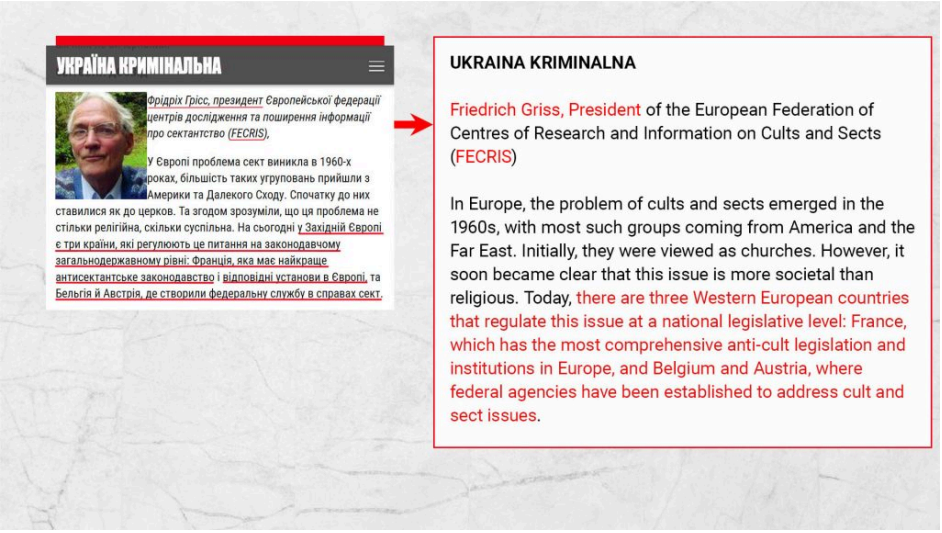
According to the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU), the positions of new teachings have strengthened in Ukraine, some of which, according to both foreign and domestic religious scholars, exhibit signs of totalitarian and destructive cults. In particular, the SBU reports that the spread of Satanism is becoming more active in our country. Its recent manifestations have been recorded in Kyiv, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Crimea, Chernivtsi, Lviv, Poltava, and Mykolaiv regions.

Screenshot from the website “CFAR”

Screenshots from the website “UKRAINA KRIMINALNA” (“Criminal Ukraine”)

The last screenshot provides information from the news portal “UKRAINA KRIMINALNA” featuring an interview with

Alexander Novopashin (Vice President of RACIRS). In addition to publications with RACIRS leaders, this portal also published an interview in 2008 with Friedrich Griess, then President of FECRIS*.


УКРАЇНА КРИМІНАЛЬНА
Фрідріх Гріс, президент Європейської федерації центрів дослідження та поширення інформації про сектантство (FECRIS),
У Європі проблема сект виникла в 1960-х роках, більшість таких угруповань прийшли з Америки та Далекого Сходу. Спочатку до них ставилися як до церков. Та згодом зрозуміли, що ця проблема не стільки релігійна, скільки суспільна. На сьогодні у Західній Європі є три країни, які регулюють це питання на законодавчому загальнодержавному рівні: Франція, яка має найкраще антисектантське законодавство і відповідні установи в Європі, та Бельгія й Австрія, де створили федеральну службу в справах сект.
UKRAINA KRIMINALNA
Friedrich Griss, President of the European Federation of Centres of Research and Information on Cults and Sects (FECRIS)
In Europe, the problem of cults and sects emerged in the 1960s, with most such groups coming from America and the Far East. Initially, they were viewed as churches. However, it soon became clear that this issue is more societal than religious. Today, there are three Western European countries that regulate this issue at a national legislative level: France, which has the most comprehensive anti-cult legislation and institutions in Europe, and Belgium and Austria, where federal agencies have been established to address cult and sect issues.

Screenshot from the website “UKRAINA KRIMINALNA” (“Criminal Ukraine”)

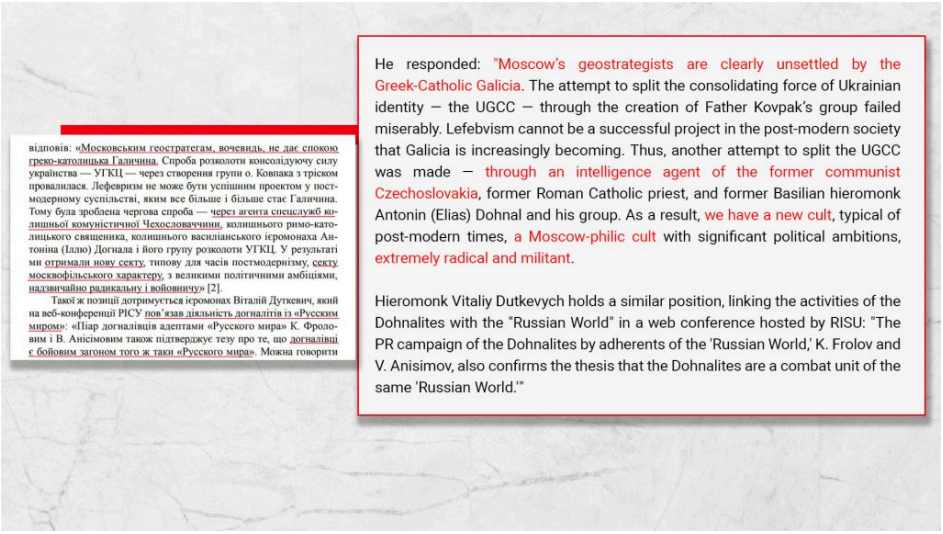
* Friedrich Griess was the president of FECRIS until 2009. In 2009, Thomas Jeffrey Sackville was elected as the new president during a meeting in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Hidden Connection Between Ukrainian Anti-Cultists and RACIRS Amid Publicly Anti-Russian Stance. Anti-Cult Tactics of the Bolsheviks: Exploiting Current Military and Political Contexts

In the rhetoric of contemporary Ukrainian anti-cultists, one particular trait is noticeable, suggesting the use of methods reminiscent of those employed by the Bolsheviks during religious repressions. For instance, consider another excerpt from the previously mentioned document addressed to the UGCC, which refers to the "Dohnalites":

"It is important to note that the UGCC not only denies the accusations from the 'Dohnal sect' or refutes them but also attempts to understand ***the reasons behind the emergence of such a movement.*** *For instance, in the aforementioned interview, Father O.-D. Vilchynsky answered the journalist's question about who benefits from this..." and then continued with such accusations as:*

- *"[beneficial to]* ***Moscow's geostrategists****...";*
- *"another attempt to split the UGCC was made — through an* ***intelligence agent*** *of the former communist Czechoslovakia...";*
- *"we have a new cult...* ***a Moscow-philic cult****... extremely radical and militant";*
- *"...they* ***are a combat unit of the same 'Russian World'****" and so on.*


відповів: «Московським геостратегам, вочевидь, не дає спокою греко-католицька Галичина. Спроба розколоти консолідуючу силу українства — УГКЦ — через створення групи о. Ковпака з тріском провалилася. Лефевризм не може бути успішним проектом у постмодерному суспільстві, яким все більше і більше стає Галичина. Тому була зроблена чергова спроба — через агента спецслужб колишньої комуністичної Чехословаччини, колишнього римо-католицького священика, колишнього василіанського ієромонаха Антоніна (Ілліо) Догнала і його групу розколоти УГКЦ. У результаті ми отримали нову секту, типову для часів постмодернізму, секту москвофільського характеру, з великими політичними амбіціями, надзвичайно радикальну і войовничу» [2].
Такої ж позиції дотримується ієромонах Віталій Дуткевич, який на веб-конференції РІСУ пов'язав діяльність догналітів із «Русским миром»: «Піар догналівців адептами «Русского мира» К. Фроловим і В. Анісімовим також підтверджує тезу про те, що догналівці є бойовим загоном того ж таки «Русского мира». Можна говорити
He responded: "Moscow's geostrategists are clearly unsettled by the Greek-Catholic Galicia. The attempt to split the consolidating force of Ukrainian identity — the UGCC — through the creation of Father Kovpak's group failed miserably. Lefebvism cannot be a successful project in the post-modern society that Galicia is increasingly becoming. Thus, another attempt to split the UGCC was made — through an intelligence agent of the former communist Czechoslovakia, former Roman Catholic priest, and former Basilian hieromonk Antonin (Elias) Dohnal and his group. As a result, we have a new cult, typical of post-modern times, a Moscow-philic cult with significant political ambitions, extremely radical and militant.
Hieromonk Vitaliy Dutkevych holds a similar position, linking the activities of the Dohnalites with the "Russian World" in a web conference hosted by RISU: "The PR campaign of the Dohnalites by adherents of the 'Russian World,' K. Frolov and V. Anisimov, also confirms the thesis that the Dohnalites are a combat unit of the same 'Russian World.'"

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Among the methods used by anti-cultists, both current and Soviet, is the patterned approach of accusing groups of collaborating with foreign countries or working for their intelligence services. In assigning such espionage-related allegations, a key factor for Soviet anti-cultists was the recent or ongoing negative historical experience of the population living in the territory where the anti-cult propaganda was being launched.

The countries allegedly supporting these so-called “cults” were chosen based on the national audience to which the propaganda was addressed. For example, the Ukrainian-language journal “Bezvirnyk” (“A faithless man”) (1925-1935), published in Kharkiv, had key rhetorical differences from other

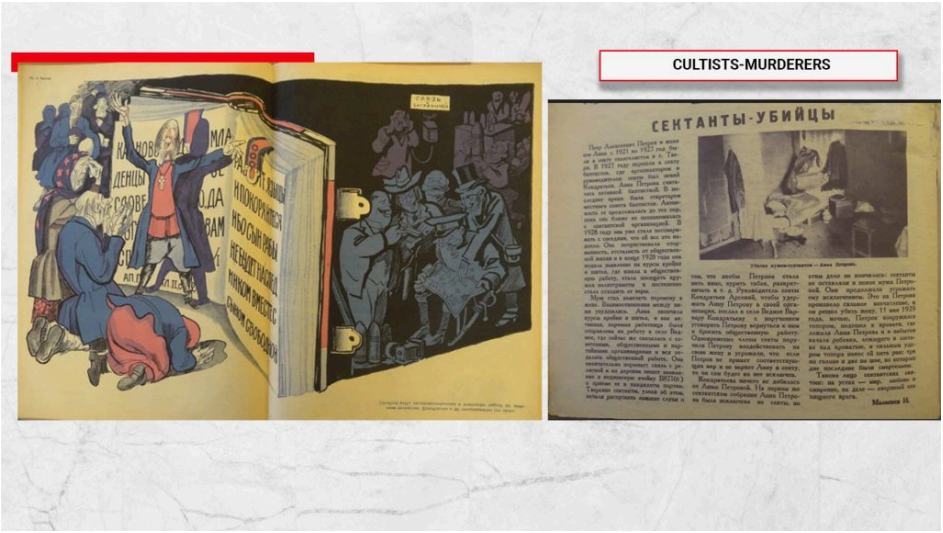
anti-religious propaganda journals [20] such as “Bezbozhnik u stanka” (“The Godless at the Machine”) (1923-1931), “Bezbozhnik” (“The Godless”) (1925-1941), and “Antireligioznik” (“Anti-Religionist”) (1926-1941), which were published in Moscow. Due to recent Polish-Ukrainian confrontations, “Bezvirnyk” (“A Faithless Man”) introduced narratives claiming that “sectarians” were working for Poland. This was a quick way to tarnish undesirable organizations by invoking recent strained relations between the two peoples, casting Polish counterintelligence as the patron of these movements according to Bolshevik propaganda. In other words, the choice of a “patron” country for the stigmatized religious movement was based on the audience’s historical experience of conflicts with other countries, rather than actual collaboration or lack thereof. The selection was made based on what was relevant and alive in the local population’s consciousness.

In other regions of the USSR, a global enemy and patron of the “cults” was often portrayed as the United States or Great Britain. For audiences in specific territories, the “sectarian friends” were countries like Germany (due to the lingering memory of World War I in the 1920s and 1930s), Romania, and Sweden (mentioned in the journal “Bezvirnyk”), as well as Denmark and the Netherlands (in the journal “Antireligioznik”).

In other words, the choice of the patron country for stigmatized organizations was largely irrelevant to global anti-cultists, much like the specific Christian denomination or religion used against them. Similarly, anti-cultists did not care which political force they used as their puppet, whether Bolsheviks or Nazis. Their primary goal across eras was to divide, clash, and control, manipulating chaos and deceit to further their global objectives while covering their tracks.

Other countries that Bolshevik propaganda associated with "sectarian" patronage included Japan and Italy. These countries appeared alongside Germany in propaganda journals of the 1930s as global events pointed to imminent attack by Hitler. During this time, fascism and Nazism were spreading, and preparations for a new global war were underway, which anti-cult forces within the Bolsheviks exploited to strengthen their repressive mechanisms within the USSR.

In essence, organizations labeled as "sects" or "cults" in Bolshevik propaganda journals were portrayed to the masses as collaborators with invaders encroaching on sovereign territories and as agents of foreign states. In reality, modern anti-cultists use similar methods, but these tactics are now applied not only in print media and communication channels but also in the online space.



“Bezbozhnik u stanka” (No. 6, 1929) (The Godless at the Machine). Image from the website “Historians,” dedicated to Ukrainian history.

It is also important to clarify that these anti-religious journals were originally written with negative, disparaging connotations and served a stigmatizing function. Soviet propagandists who created these articles and the editors of these journals did not know the true facts and made no effort to find out. The information was presented in such a way that it was impossible to confirm or refute, though in reality, no one made an attempt. The general line, with its embedded narratives of anti-cultists, played a dominant role among the public, and everything was accepted on blind faith.

In the Baptist Web ("The Godless at the Machine" No. 5, 1924). Image from the website "Historians," dedicated to Ukrainian history. Cultist Darkness in the East. ("The Godless" No. 12, 1933). Image from the "Historians" website dedicated to Ukrainian history

Anti-cultists among the Bolsheviks created an entire system of dehumanizing stereotypes. These stereotypes are still used in the narratives of contemporary anti-cultists, including those from Ukraine, just as Nazi-era legacies of Walter Künneth, who led the Apologetic Center under the Third Reich, are perpetuated. It turns out that modern agents of RACIRS, whether operating in Russia, Ukraine, or elsewhere, are executing old directives from anti-cult ideologists involved in the creation of two totalitarian regimes: Hitler's Nazi Germany and the USSR.

Anti-Cult Power Destroying Lives, Killing Children, Colliding States

The paradox of the 1920s and 1930s is that similar anti-cult activities were simultaneously carried out in two distinct countries with different cultures, different ruling elites, different ideologies, and different religious situations. Despite their vastly different political, social, and religious contexts, persecution of dissenters was carried out with identical methods, as if by blueprint. Initially noble goals articulated in the ideologies of these countries in the early 1920s were by the end of the decade distorted and exploited by anti-cult ideologists, revealing clear signs of the development of totalitarianism. By the 1930s, the world witnessed the final establishment of two of the most brutal totalitarian regimes, with a peak in bloodshed and repression against their own people. Since 1939, the apex of suffering and loss of life provoked by anti-cult ideologists spread across the globe with the onset of World War II, which saw Germany invade the USSR two years later. Interestingly, behind both forces, in the negative manifestations known in history, were precisely the anti-cultists, representatives of Apologetic Centers, the true ideologists of extreme repression in any form of

totalitarianism, whether it be Nazism, Red Terror, or anything else.

Analogues of Bolshevik Anti-Cult Propaganda Narratives in the Rhetoric of Contemporary Russian and Ukrainian Anti-Cultists from RACIRS

Soviet propagandists labeled members of organizations branded as “cults” and “sects” as akin to a disease, referring to them as sick people, “religiously and nervously mutilated,” and described their activities as a feverish illness. Additionally, they emphasized the material dependency of these supposedly deranged individuals on supposedly money-hungry, enslaving organizations.

“Socially dangerous people must not be allowed to hide behind religion and harm those who fall into their ***material dependency****. Fanatical nests must be cleared out.”* — I. Malyshev, “Cult Fanaticism” (The Godless, No. 6, 1931)

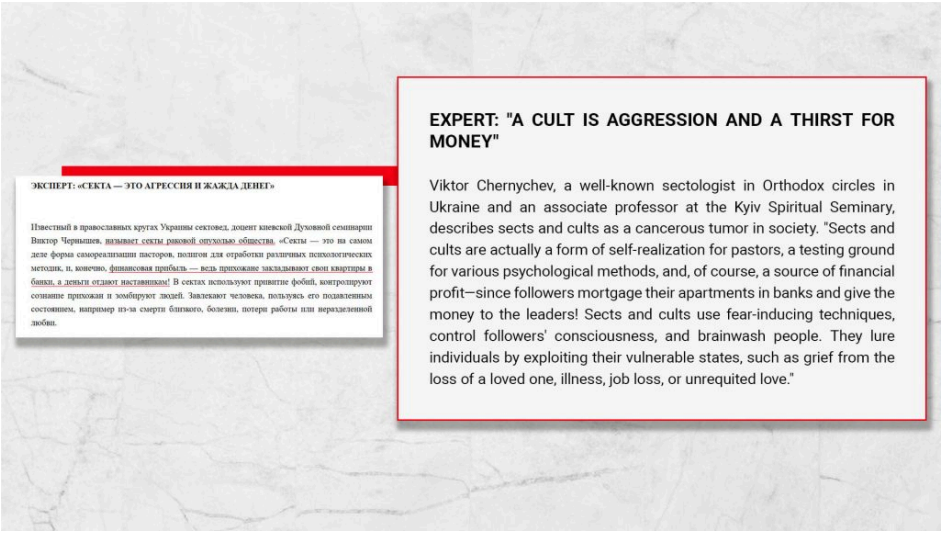
Let’s compare this rhetoric of disease and material dependence, characteristic of contemporary anti-cultists from RACIRS:

"The day before, on 12 May 2008, Alexander Dvorkin had told the China Association for Cultic Studies about Falun Gong:

'They would turn individuals into tools of cults, and destroy their families. ***Cults harm individuals, families, societies and countries like 'cancerous cells' in a healthy body.*** *Cults make no contribution to the society. But they kept absorbing human resources and wealth from it.* ***Like cancerous cells, they obtain nutrition from the healthy body of society*** *until it collapses'"*[21].

"'*This, of course, is noxious. [On opening of a Church of Scientology in Moscow] It''s a sort of* ***a center of cancer tumor*** *amidst our country and in the center of Moscow. Therefore everything possible must be done in order to prevent it.' – A.L. Dvorkin 3rd TV Channel, Russian Viewpoint show,* ***2006*** *(RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM OF ALEXANDER DVORKIN Research Article November 2010 21-22 p.)*" [22].

President of RACIRS, Alexander Dvorkin, made these statements in 2006 and 2008. A year later, in 2009, an article was published in which a similar rhetoric was voiced by the Ukrainian anti-cultist and noted Ukrainian sectologist Viktor Chernychev [23], who described cults as a cancerous tumor in society and mentioned the financial profit of the leaders of these branded organizations through the contributions of their followers.



ЭКСПЕРТ: «СЕКТА — ЭТО АГРЕССИЯ И ЖАЖДА ДЕНЕГ»

Известный в православных кругах Украины сектовед, доцент киевской Духовной семинарии Виктор Чернышев, называет секты раковой опухолью общества. «Секты — это на самом деле форма самореализации пасторов, полигон для отработки различных психологических методик, и, конечно, финансовая прибыль — ведь прихожане закладывают свои квартиры в банки, а деньги отдают наставникам! В сектах используют привитие фобий, контролируют сознание прихожан и зомбируют людей. Завлекают человека, пользуясь его подавленным состоянием, например из-за смерти близкого, болезни, потери работы или неразделенной любви.

EXPERT: "A CULT IS AGGRESSION AND A THIRST FOR MONEY"

Viktor Chernychev, a well-known sectologist in Orthodox circles in Ukraine and an associate professor at the Kyiv Spiritual Seminary, describes sects and cults as a cancerous tumor in society. "Sects and cults are actually a form of self-realization for pastors, a testing ground for various psychological methods, and, of course, a source of financial profit—since followers mortgage their apartments in banks and give the money to the leaders! Sects and cults use fear-inducing techniques, control followers' consciousness, and brainwash people. They lure individuals by exploiting their vulnerable states, such as grief from the loss of a loved one, illness, job loss, or unrequited love."

Screenshot taken from the “Novosti-N” website

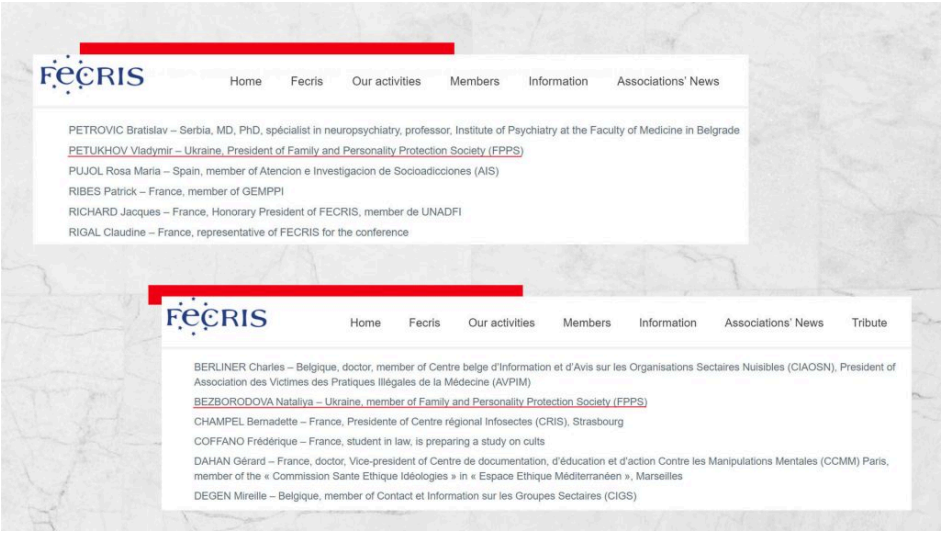
FECRIS Branch in Ukraine: Family and Person Protection Society (FPPS)

Interestingly, the anti-cult movement in Ukraine appears to be divided into religious and secular branches, with one stemming from RACIRS and the other from FECRIS*.

*It should be recalled that Alexander Dvorkin was both the president of RACIRS (from 2006 to the present) and the vice president of FECRIS (from 2009 to 2021). After stepping down from his position as vice president of FECRIS, he remained a

member of the FECRIS Board of Directors for a significant period.

The FECRIS branch in Ukraine is the secular anti-cult organization known as the **Family and Person Protection Society (FPPS)**. **FPPS** is mentioned on the official FECRIS website [24, 25]. The president of the Family and Person Protection Society (**FPPS**) is Vladimir Petukhov.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CHAMPEL Bernadette – France, Presidente of Centre régional Infosectes (CRIS), Strasbourg
COFFANO Frédérique – France, student in law, is preparing a study on cults
DAHAN Gérard – France, doctor, Vice-president of Centre de documentation, d'éducation et d'action Contre les Manipulations Mentales (CCMM) Paris, member of the « Commission Sante Ethique Idéologies » in « Espace Ethique Méditerranéen », Marseilles
DEGEN Mireille – Belgique, member of Contact et Information sur les Groupes Sectaires (CIGS)

Screenshot from the official FECRIS website

The spokesperson from the Ukrainian branch of **FPPS** is Evgeny Volkov. Information about this anti-cultist can be found on his website [26]. In fact, Evgeny Volkov largely fulfills the role of a liaison:

– Spokesperson for the Ukrainian anti-cult organization FPPS

– Long-time member of the European federation FECRIS

– Former member of the International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA)

– Published detailed information about the "Totalitarian Sects — Threat of the 21st Century" conference (Russia, 2001) and his participation in it on his website

– Evgeny Volkov is an associate of Alexander Dvorkin

– Previously completed a dissertation under the supervision of Vladilen Izraitel (father of the current First Deputy Head of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation, Sergey Kiriyenko)

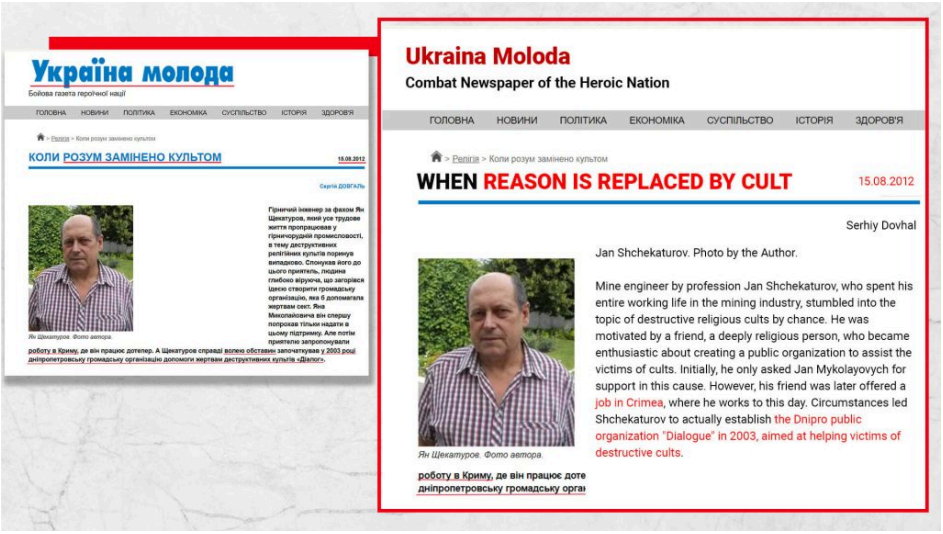
– Liaison for other anti-cult organizations worldwide, including anti-cultists from the United States.

This is far from a complete list of Evgeny Volkov's "achievements" and "accomplishments," which can be found in publicly available sources.

From Evgeny Volkov's website, we also learn that, in addition to representatives from the UOC and UGCC, there is another **Protestant** anti-cult center in Ukraine: **the Center for Apologetic Studies.**

Screenshot from the website of E. Volkov (a follower of A. Dvorkin) evolkov.net

Another secular anti-cult center in Ukraine is the **City Center for Victims of Destructive Cults "Dialogue,"** headed by Yan Shchekaturov since 2003. The Ukrainian anti-cult organization "Dialogue" became a member of FECRIS in 2009, the same year Alexander Dvorkin became vice president of FECRIS. This information is also published on the "UKRAINA MOLODA" ("Young Ukraine") portal [27].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Jan Shchekaturov. Photo by the Author.
Mine engineer by profession Jan Shchekaturov, who spent his entire working life in the mining industry, stumbled into the topic of destructive religious cults by chance. He was motivated by a friend, a deeply religious person, who became enthusiastic about creating a public organization to assist the victims of cults. Initially, he only asked Jan Mykolayovych for support in this cause. However, his friend was later offered a job in Crimea, where he works to this day. Circumstances led Shchekaturov to actually establish the Dnipro public organization "Dialogue" in 2003, aimed at helping victims of destructive cults.
Ян Щекатуров. Фото автора.

Screenshot from the website “UKRAINA MOLODA”

Yan Shchekaturov, in his narrative, relies on Europe (as mentioned in the article on the “Ukraina Moloda” portal) and seemingly implies that he does not accept the derogatory term “sect,” as it was used by A. Dvorkin. However, he labels similar groups with the derogatory term “cult.” Furthermore, this anti-cultist fails to mention that he has also published on the APOLOGIST website—the official site of All-Ukrainian Apologetic Center (AUAC) in the name of St. John Chrysostom (RACIRS).

In an interview, Yan Shchekaturov stated: ***“...in Europe, the importance of the problem was recognized over 20 years ago. Currently, in Belgium, France, and Germany, special units have been established within the police, gendarmerie, and***

prosecutor's offices, tasked with monitoring the activities of destructive cult groups. Meanwhile, here, this issue is flourishing...

The main problem regarding the activities of cult groups that I have encountered lies in the inaction of the controlling and law enforcement agencies, which are obligated to expose all violations. No one wants to do anything. After six years of close communication with the prosecutor's office and the police, I have concluded that there are only a few professionals among the staff," — meaning, in the opinion of this anti-cultist, only a handful are willing to serve RACIRS?

Let us return to the previous anti-cultist, Evgeny Volkov. Below are screenshots taken from Evgeny Volkov's website, where he published an article [28] about the conference "Totalitarian Sects — A Threat of the 21st Century," organized by Alexander Dvorkin in 2001. Excerpts from it were referenced earlier in this article. Among the foreign speakers listed is Johannes Ogord, who was also mentioned in this article as a mentor to Alexander Dvorkin.

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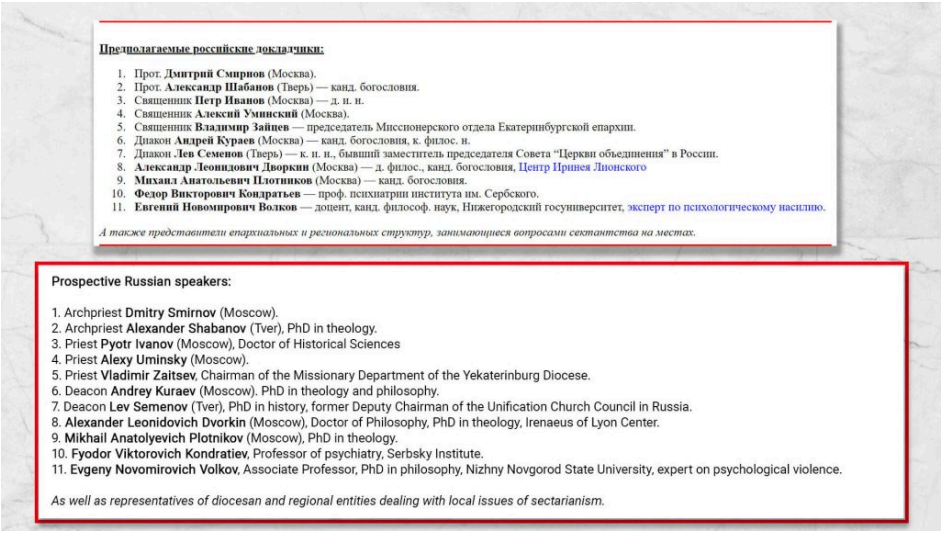
Предполагаемые зарубежные докладчики:
1. Аллен Вивьен — председатель Межминистерской миссии по борьбе против сект при премьер-министре Французской республики (Франция). ,
2. Ханс Вернер Карлхофф — председатель Межминистерской комиссии по сектам и культам Федеральной земли Баден-Вюртемберг (Германия).
3. Томас Гандоу — уполномоченный Берлинско-Бранденбургской лютеранской церкви по вопросам сект и мировоззрений (Германия).
4. Доктор Рюдирег Хаут — уполномоченный Вестфальской лютеранской церкви по вопросам сект и мировоззрений (Германия).
5. Заслуженный проф. Йоханнес Огорд — Королевский университет (Орхус, Дания).
6. Джеральд Армстронг — писатель, художник, бывший личный архивист Р.Л. Хаббарда (Виктория, Канада).
7. Архимандрит Христофор Чакас — духовник Всекипрского союза по защите семьи и личности (Кипр).
Prospective foreign speakers:
1. Alain Vivien, Chairman of the Interministerial Commission for Combating Sects under the Prime Minister of the French Republic (France).
2. Hans Werner Karlhoff, Chairman of the Interministerial Commission on Sects and Cults of the Federal Land of Baden-Württemberg (Germany).
3. Thomas Gandow, Commissioner of the Berlin-Brandenburg Lutheran Church on Sects and Worldviews (Germany).
4. Dr. Rudyreg Haut, Commissioner of the Westphalian Lutheran Church on Sects and Worldviews (Germany).
5. Honored Professor Johannes Aagaard, Royal University (Aarhus, Denmark).
6. Gerald Armstrong, writer, artist, former personal archivist of L.R. Hubbard (Victoria, Canada).
7. Archimandrite Christopher Chakas, confessor of the All-Cyprus Union for the Protection of Family and Personality (Cyprus).

Screenshot from the website of E. Volkov (a follower of A. Dvorkin) evolkov.net

Another foreign speaker listed on Volkov's website is Alain Vivien, a French politician and member of the Socialist Party, best known for his role in the fight against sects. From 1997 to 1998, he was the chairman of the French anti-cult organization CCMM. In 1998, he transferred this position to his wife and took the lead of another anti-cult organization MILS (later restructured into MIVILUDES) under the French Prime Minister, which addressed sect-related issues. **In April 2001**, Alain Vivien attended a conference in Nizhny Novgorod organized by A. Dvorkin. Coincidentally or not, but shortly after this, **on May 30, 2001**, the French Parliament passed **the anti-cult About–Picard law**, essentially allowing state-level sanctions against organizations labeled by anti-cultists. This very law has since been frequently referenced by many

Ukrainian anti-cultists as a prime example of government support for anti-cult activities by a European state, while conveniently failing to mention their close cooperation with Russian anti-cultists.

Allain Vivien resigned in June 2002, but his connections and influence in the anti-cult sphere remained solid strong, as did the ongoing fight against undesirable organizations. Both CCMM and MIVILUDES continue to be members of the umbrella federation FECRIS to this day.



Предполагаемые российские докладчики:

1. Прот. **Дмитрий Смирнов** (Москва).
2. Прот. **Александр Шабанов** (Тверь) — канд. богословия.
3. Священник **Петр Иванов** (Москва) — д. и. н.
4. Священник **Алексий Уминский** (Москва).
5. Священник **Владимир Зайцев** — председатель Миссионерского отдела Екатеринбургской епархии.
6. Диакон **Андрей Кураев** (Москва) — канд. богословия, к. филос. н.
7. Диакон **Лев Семенов** (Тверь) — к. и. н., бывший заместитель председателя Совета "Церкви объединения" в России.
8. **Александр Леонидович Дворкин** (Москва) — д. филос., канд. богословия, Центр Иринея Лионского
9. **Михаил Анатольевич Плотников** (Москва) — канд. богословия.
10. **Федор Викторович Кондратьев** — проф. психиатрии института им. Сербского.
11. **Евгений Новомирович Волков** — доцент, канд. философ. наук, Нижегородский госуниверситет, эксперт по психологическому насилию.

А также представители епархиальных и региональных структур, занимающиеся вопросами сектантства на местах.

Prospective Russian speakers:

1. Archpriest **Dmitry Smirnov** (Moscow).
2. Archpriest **Alexander Shabanov** (Tver), PhD in theology.
3. Priest **Pyotr Ivanov** (Moscow), Doctor of Historical Sciences
4. Priest **Alexy Uminsky** (Moscow).
5. Priest **Vladimir Zaitsev**, Chairman of the Missionary Department of the Yekaterinburg Diocese.
6. Deacon **Andrey Kuraev** (Moscow). PhD in theology and philosophy.
7. Deacon **Lev Semenov** (Tver), PhD in history, former Deputy Chairman of the Unification Church Council in Russia.
8. **Alexander Leonidovich Dvorkin** (Moscow), Doctor of Philosophy, PhD in theology, Irenaeus of Lyon Center.
9. **Mikhail Anatolyevich Plotnikov** (Moscow), PhD in theology.
10. **Fyodor Viktorovich Kondratiev**, Professor of psychiatry, Serbsky Institute.
11. **Evgeny Novomirovich Volkov**, Associate Professor, PhD in philosophy, Nizhny Novgorod State University, expert on psychological violence.

As well as representatives of diocesan and regional entities dealing with local issues of sectarianism.

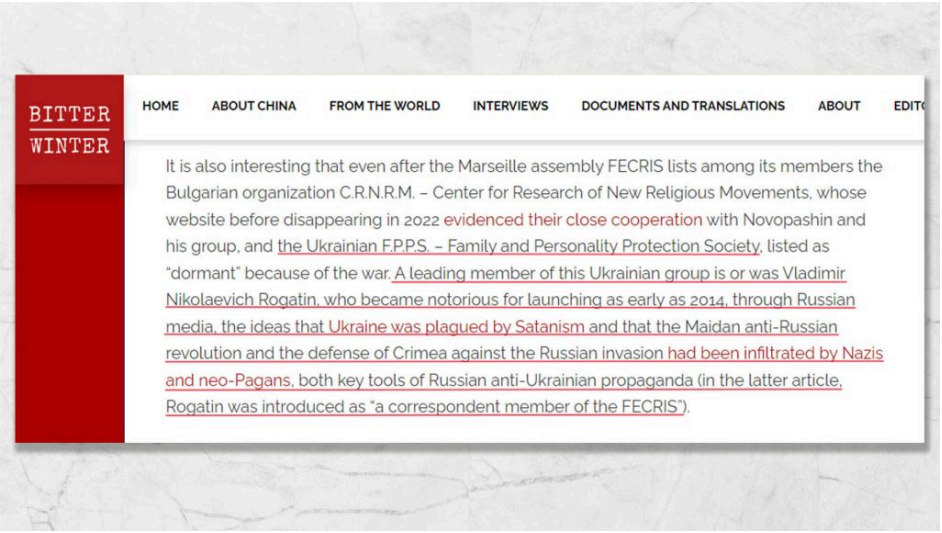
Screenshot from the website of E. Volkov (a follower of A. Dvorkin) evolkov.net

Among the Russian speakers, the first on the list is Archpriest Dmitry Smirnov, we cited excerpts from his speech earlier in this article; Alexander Dvorkin, the leading sectologist in

Russia, and Evgeny Volkov himself (listed as number 11), an expert on psychological violence. One can assess Evgeny Volkov's expertise based on his skills in influencing human consciousness and the subconscious. Previously in the article "Anti-cult Orders Established On Children's Blood," we mentioned his demonstration of techniques for exerting psychological influence on individuals.

Italian sociologist of religion Professor Massimo Introvigne makes an interesting reference to FECRIS and FPPS in BITTER WINTER, the journal on religious freedom and human rights [29]:

«It is also interesting that even after the Marseille assembly FECRIS lists among its members … the Ukrainian F.P.P.S. – Family and Personality Protection Society, listed as "dormant" because of the war. A leading member of this Ukrainian group is or was Vladimir Nikolaevich Rogatin, who became notorious for launching as early as 2014, through Russian media, the ideas that Ukraine was plagued by Satanism and that the Maidan anti-Russian revolution and the defense of Crimea against the Russian invasion had been infiltrated by Nazis and neo-Pagans, both key tools of Russian anti-Ukrainian propaganda (in the latter article, Rogatin was introduced as "a correspondent member of the FECRIS")».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Screenshot from the website BITTER WINTER

The year 2014 marked the beginning of military conflict in eastern Ukraine. This was preceded by the Revolution of Dignity, which started in 2013, and anti-cultists from RACIRS were among the first who criticized it. Interestingly, the two periods of revolution in Ukraine coincide with an intensification of anti-cult activities in Ukraine, including at the legislative level.

Attempts to promote anti-cult legislation in the Ukrainian Parliament

Previously, in the article "Diveyevo Order: Control Center of Global Anticultism. Revival of Nazism," we noted that in 2004 and 2013, prior to the Ukrainian revolutions, there were

attempts to advance anti-cult legislative proposals in Ukraine. In 2020, Ukrainian scholar and religious expert Dr. Lyudmila Filippovich commented [30] on yet another effort to push a new "anti-cult" bill in Ukraine:

"I was asked how I view the proposed 'anti-cult' bill. I have been observing this for more than a year. ***Such attempts have occurred before, and we managed to fend them off in a timely manner... I remember it was the case in 2004 before the revolution, and in 2013 as well. There is a very clear pattern:*** *as soon as there are any problems, they immediately appeal to this topic, believing it can distract the working people from pressing issues."*

*"****I perceive this current initiative (****of the anti-cult bill)* ***as yet another manifestation of hybrid warfare. I see here — without being a proponent of conspiracy theories — an obvious 'hand of Moscow,'*** *pardon my language. After all, they have repeatedly tried to push through a similar law there in order to ban all religions except the Moscow Patriarchate. And t****his initiative is nothing more than 'clumsy mimicry.'****"*

News about this anti-cult bill in Ukraine was published in Ukrainian media in July 2020. Coincidence or not, two months earlier, on May 29, 2020, a Presidential Decree was issued in the stronghold of RACIRS — Russia — approving a new version

of the Strategy for Countering Extremism in the Russian Federation until 2025 [31, 32]. Although the term "sect" is not mentioned in this document, due to the long-standing dictatorship of anti-cultists in Russia, any organizations branded as "sects" fully fall under the categories of "extremism" and "terrorism," as stated in this decree. This decree was also highlighted by leading anti-cultist, Vice President of RACIRS, Archpriest Alexander Novopashin in his article "And I Continue My Run" [33]. Evidently, Ukrainian scholar Dr. Lyudmila Filippovich was correct when she stated that "this initiative (of the anti-cult bill) in Ukraine is nothing more than 'clumsy mimicry.'"

*"**I see here** — without being a proponent of conspiracy theories —**an obvious 'hand of Moscow'**... And this initiative (of the anti-cult bill in Ukraine) **is nothing more than 'clumsy mimicry.'"***

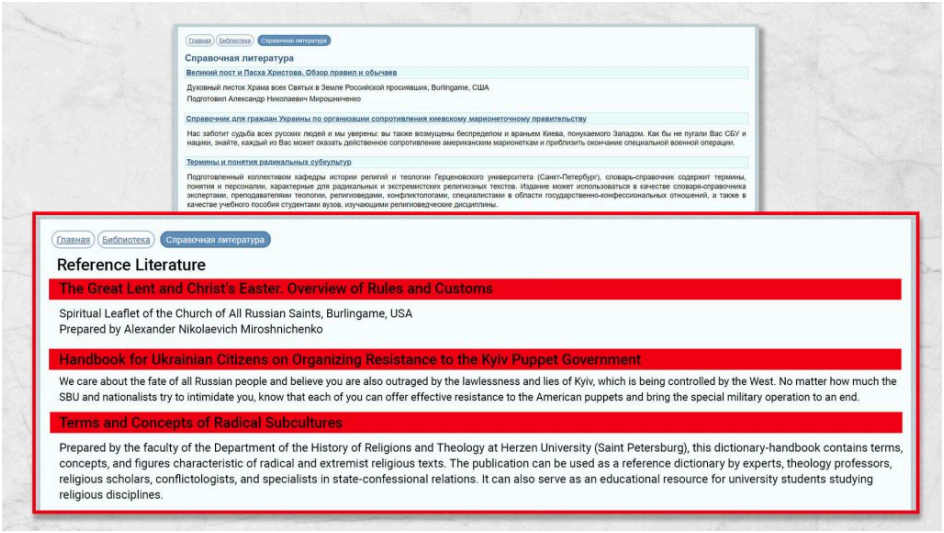
In Ukraine in 2020, the anti-cult bill was lobbied by Member of the Verkhovna Rada Galina Tretyakova. It is worth noting that Galina Tretyakova has been repeatedly criticized, among other thing, for using terms such as "low-quality children"; for citing examples of sterilizing "undereducated" women; for statements claiming that the relatives of those missing in the war in Donbas are allegedly "profiteering" from social benefits of these individuals, unwilling to acknowledge them as deceased; for proposing a gradual increase in the retirement

age; for actively confronting trade unions during her tenure; and for consistently engaging in activities strikingly incompatible with the social policy field entrusted to her. Additionally, since May 2020, Galina Tretyakova has been a member of the delegation to participate in the Trilateral Contact Group [34] for resolving the situation in eastern Ukraine, representing Ukraine in the working subgroup on humanitarian issues (by agreement) (Presidential Decree of Ukraine No. 167/2020 dated May 5, 2020).

RACIRS's instructions on sabotage for Ukrainian citizens

After presenting the facts about the extensive RACIRS agent network in Ukraine, let us conclude with another example of RACIRS's sabotage instructions in Ukraine. These sabotage guidelines are published on the websites of the dioceses headed by ROC priests who are members of the RACIRS and who are conducting information warfare against the Ukrainian people. We found the first such example of guidelines on the website of the Novosibirsk diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church, whose rector is the previously mentioned vice-president of RACIRS, Archpriest Alexander Novopashin. This guideline is located in the "Library" tab of the website, in the "Reference Literature" section [35, 36]. Upon further investigation, we found that a similar guideline was published

on other websites of the dioceses of the Russian Orthodox Church.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The Great Lent and Christ's Easter. Overview of Rules and Customs
Spiritual Leaflet of the Church of All Russian Saints, Burlingame, USA
Prepared by Alexander Nikolaevich Miroshnichenko
Handbook for Ukrainian Citizens on Organizing Resistance to the Kyiv Puppet Government
We care about the fate of all Russian people and believe you are also outraged by the lawlessness and lies of Kyiv, which is being controlled by the West. No matter how much the SBU and nationalists try to intimidate you, know that each of you can offer effective resistance to the American puppets and bring the special military operation to an end.
Terms and Concepts of Radical Subcultures
Prepared by the faculty of the Department of the History of Religions and Theology at Herzen University (Saint Petersburg), this dictionary-handbook contains terms, concepts, and figures characteristic of radical and extremist religious texts. The publication can be used as a reference dictionary by experts, theology professors, religious scholars, conflictologists, and specialists in state-confessional relations. It can also serve as an educational resource for university students studying religious disciplines.

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Missionary Department of the Novosibirsk Diocese
Cathedral in the name of Holy Blessed Grand Duke Alexander Nevsky
Brothers, God is not in power, but in truth!
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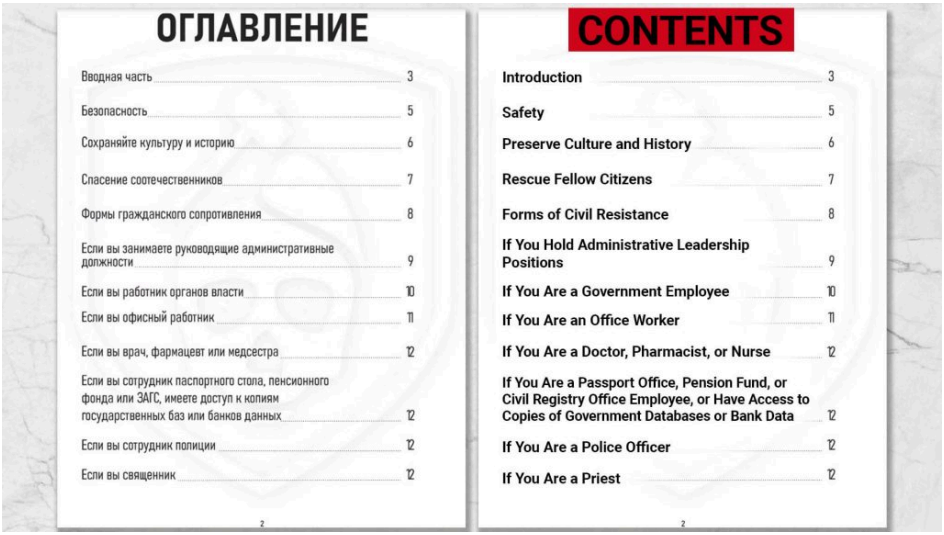

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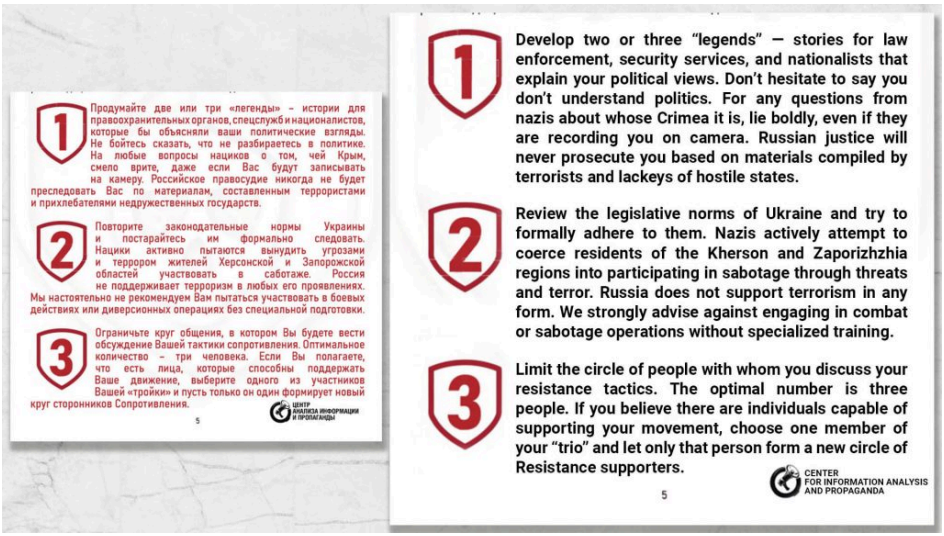

1 Продумайте две или три «легенды» – истории для правоохранительных органов, спецслужб и националистов, которые бы объясняли ваши политические взгляды. Не бойтесь сказать, что не разбираетесь в политике. На любые вопросы нацистов о том, чей Крым, смело врите, даже если Вас будут записывать на камеру. Российское правосудие никогда не будет преследовать Вас по материалам, составленным террористами и прихлебателями недружественных государств.

2 Повторите законодательные нормы Украины и постарайтесь им формально следовать. Нацики активно пытаются вынудить угрозами и террором жителей Херсонской и Запорожской областей участвовать в саботаже. Россия не поддерживает терроризм в любых его проявлениях. Мы настоятельно не рекомендуем Вам пытаться участвовать в боевых действиях или диверсионных операциях без специальной подготовки.

3 Ограничьте круг общения, в котором Вы будете вести обсуждение Вашей тактики сопротивления. Оптимальное количество – три человека. Если Вы полагаете, что есть лица, которые способны поддержать Ваше движение, выберите одного из участников Вашей «тройки» и пусть только он один формирует новый круг сторонников Сопротивления.

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1 Develop two or three “legends” — stories for law enforcement, security services, and nationalists that explain your political views. Don’t hesitate to say you don’t understand politics. For any questions from nazis about whose Crimea it is, lie boldly, even if they are recording you on camera. Russian justice will never prosecute you based on materials compiled by terrorists and lackeys of hostile states.

2 Review the legislative norms of Ukraine and try to formally adhere to them. Nazis actively attempt to coerce residents of the Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions into participating in sabotage through threats and terror. Russia does not support terrorism in any form. We strongly advise against engaging in combat or sabotage operations without specialized training.

3 Limit the circle of people with whom you discuss your resistance tactics. The optimal number is three people. If you believe there are individuals capable of supporting your movement, choose one member of your “trio” and let only that person form a new circle of Resistance supporters.

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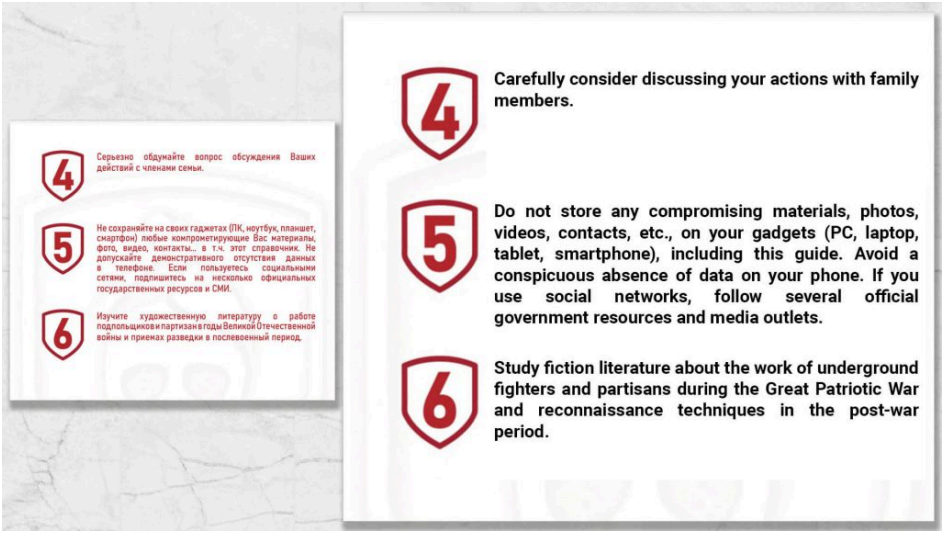

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Если Вы обладаете иной ценной информацией, которая может помочь вскрыть замыслы киевской хунты, обращайтесь в Министерство иностранных дел России:
https://lk.mid.ru/
If you have other valuable information that could help uncover the plans of the Kyiv junta, contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia.
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ФОРМЫ ГРАЖДАНСКОГО СОПРОТИВЛЕНИЯ

- Давайте запутанные и нелогичные ответы, когда сторонники хунты будут просить Вашего профессионального совета.
- Распускайте слухи среди руководства и среднего руководящего звена о планах проведения в отношении них проверки на благонадежность режиму Зеленского.
- При общении с ярыми адептами национализма сообщайте, что слабо понимаете их высказывания, подвергайте сомнениям их утверждения.
- Игнорируйте публичные националистические мероприятия: день вышиванки, флэшмобы, массовые исполнения националистических песен и лозунгов. При необходимости ссылайтесь на боли в горле. Заявляйте, что не можете достойно крикнуть «Слава Украине». В случае давления на Вас, можете повторять лозунг спокойным монотонным голосом.
- Не покупайте книги и печатные издания на украинском языке. Старайтесь совмещать просмотр украинских новостных каналов с альтернативным мнением российских масс-медиа. По возможности, сократите просмотр телевизионных программ в пользу чтения проверенных интернет-изданий.
- Даже если Вы владеете украинским языком, ведите разговор на нём медленно, вынуждая собеседника предложить перейти на русский.

FORMS OF CIVIL RESISTANCE

- Give confusing and illogical answers when junta supporters ask for your professional advice.
- Spread rumors among leadership and middle management about plans to conduct loyalty checks on them to the Zelensky regime.
- When communicating with fervent nationalists, indicate that you barely understand their statements and cast doubts on their assertions.
- Ignore public nationalist events such as Vyshyvanka Day, flash mobs, and mass performances of nationalist songs and slogans. If necessary, complain of a sore throat. State that you cannot properly shout "Glory to Ukraine." If pressured, repeat the slogan in a calm, monotonous voice.
- Do not buy books and printed materials in Ukrainian. Try to balance watching Ukrainian news channels with alternative views from Russian media. If possible, reduce watching TV programs in favor of reading reliable online publications.
- Even if you are fluent in Ukrainian, speak slowly, forcing the interlocutor to suggest switching to Russian.

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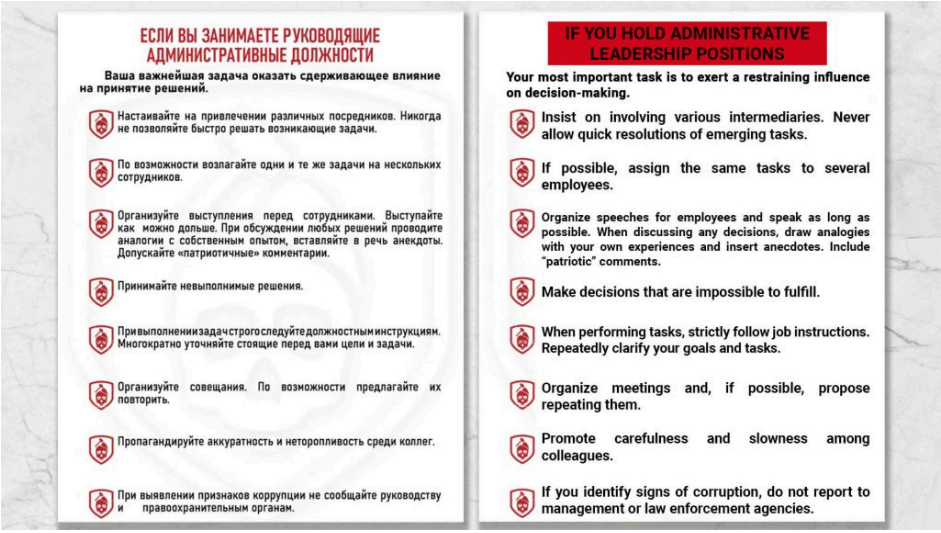

ЕСЛИ ВЫ ЗАНИМАЕТЕ РУКОВОДЯЩИЕ АДМИНИСТРАТИВНЫЕ ДОЛЖНОСТИ

Ваша важнейшая задача оказать сдерживающее влияние на принятие решений.

- Настаивайте на привлечении различных посредников. Никогда не позволяйте быстро решать возникающие задачи.
- По возможности возлагайте одни и те же задачи на нескольких сотрудников.
- Организуйте выступления перед сотрудниками. Выступайте как можно дольше. При обсуждении любых решений проводите аналогии с собственным опытом, вставляйте в речь анекдоты. Допускайте «патриотичные» комментарии.
- Принимайте невыполнимые решения.
- При выполнении задач строго следуйте должностным инструкциям. Многократно уточняйте стоящие перед вами цели и задачи.
- Организуйте совещания. По возможности предлагайте их повторить.
- Пропагандируйте аккуратность и неторопливость среди коллег.
- При выявлении признаков коррупции не сообщайте руководству и правоохранительным органам.

IF YOU HOLD ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Your most important task is to exert a restraining influence on decision-making.

- Insist on involving various intermediaries. Never allow quick resolutions of emerging tasks.
- If possible, assign the same tasks to several employees.
- Organize speeches for employees and speak as long as possible. When discussing any decisions, draw analogies with your own experiences and insert anecdotes. Include "patriotic" comments.
- Make decisions that are impossible to fulfill.
- When performing tasks, strictly follow job instructions. Repeatedly clarify your goals and tasks.
- Organize meetings and, if possible, propose repeating them.
- Promote carefulness and slowness among colleagues.
- If you identify signs of corruption, do not report to management or law enforcement agencies.

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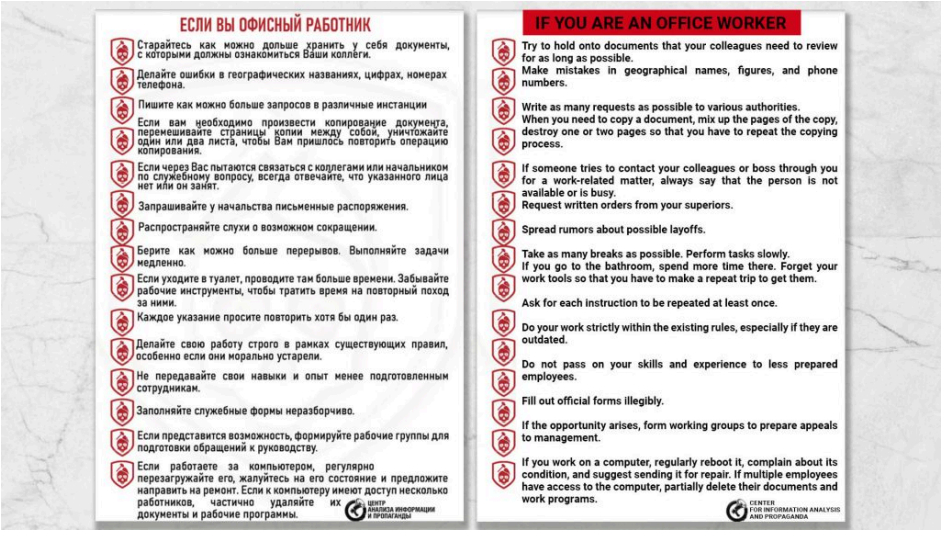

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ЕСЛИ ВЫ ВРАЧ, ФАРМАЦЕВТ ИЛИ МЕДСЕСТРА

- Предложите альтернативную государственной медицинскую помощь членам Вашего сопротивления.
- Используйте больше лекарств и перевязочных материалов, чем необходимо. Излишки сберегайте в интересах сопротивления.

ЕСЛИ ВЫ СОТРУДНИК ПАСПОРТНОГО СТОЛА, ПЕНСИОННОГО ФОНДА ИЛИ ЗАГС, ИМЕЕТЕ ДОСТУП К КОПИЯМ ГОСУДАРСТВЕННЫХ БАЗ И БАНКОВ ДАННЫХ

- Организуйте передачу имеющейся у вас информации в Российскую Федерацию через Интернет

ЕСЛИ ВЫ СОТРУДНИК ПОЛИЦИИ

- Приложите усилия, чтобы облегчить участь жертв политических репрессий на Украине.
- Предупреждайте лиц, которых планируется задержать.
- Если Вы криминалист, уничтожайте улики против незаконно преследуемых граждан.

ЕСЛИ ВЫ СВЯЩЕННИК

- Уделяйте в проповедях внимание пропаганде традиционных семейных ценностей.
- В частных беседах с прихожанами выясняйте у них, знают ли они лиц, которые незаконно содержатся в тюрьмах и им требуется пасторское общение.

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IF YOU ARE A DOCTOR, PHARMACIST, OR NURSE

- Offer alternative medical assistance to members of your resistance group.
- Use more medicines and bandaging materials than necessary. Save the excess for the benefit of the resistance.

IF YOU ARE A PASSPORT OFFICE, PENSION FUND, OR CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE EMPLOYEE, OR HAVE ACCESS TO COPIES OF GOVERNMENT DATABASES OR BANK DATA

- Organize the transfer of the information you have to the Russian Federation via the Internet.

IF YOU ARE A POLICE OFFICER

- Make efforts to alleviate the plight of victims of political repression in Ukraine.
- Warn individuals who are planned to be detained.
- If you are a forensic expert, destroy evidence against unlawfully persecuted citizens.

IF YOU ARE A PRIEST

- In your sermons, emphasize the propaganda of traditional family values.
- In private conversations with parishioners, find out if they know of individuals who are illegally imprisoned and need pastoral care.

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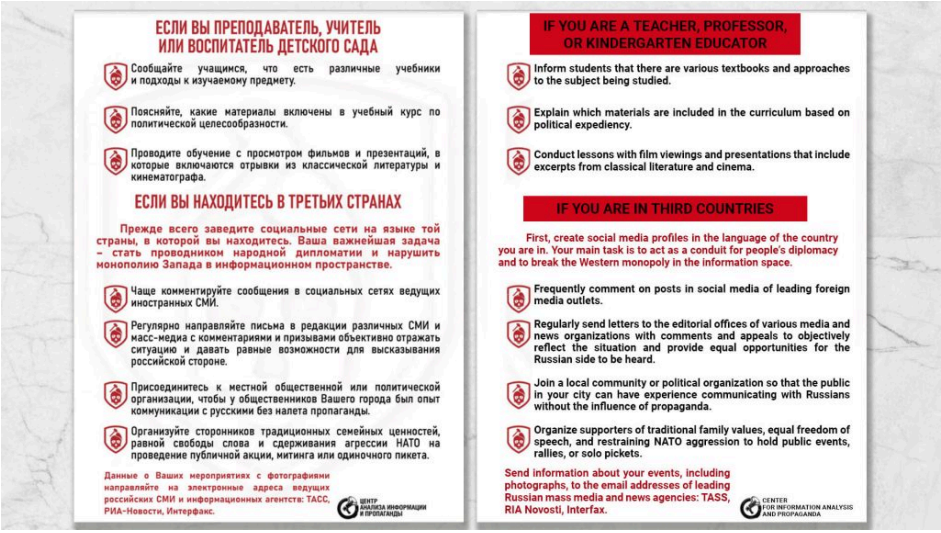

ЕСЛИ ВЫ ПРЕПОДАВАТЕЛЬ, УЧИТЕЛЬ ИЛИ ВОСПИТАТЕЛЬ ДЕТСКОГО САДА

- Сообщайте учащимся, что есть различные учебники и подходы к изучаемому предмету.
- Поясняйте, какие материалы включены в учебный курс по политической целесообразности.
- Проводите обучение с просмотром фильмов и презентаций, в которые включаются отрывки из классической литературы и кинематографа.

ЕСЛИ ВЫ НАХОДИТЕСЬ В ТРЕТЬИХ СТРАНАХ

Прежде всего заведите социальные сети на языке той страны, в которой вы находитесь. Ваша важнейшая задача – стать проводником народной дипломатии и нарушить монополию Запада в информационном пространстве.

- Чаще комментируйте сообщения в социальных сетях ведущих иностранных СМИ.
- Регулярно направляйте письма в редакции различных СМИ и масс-медиа с комментариями и призывами объективно отражать ситуацию и давать равные возможности для высказывания российской стороне.
- Присоединитесь к местной общественной или политической организации, чтобы у общественников Вашего города был опыт коммуникации с русскими без налета пропаганды.
- Организуйте сторонников традиционных семейных ценностей, равной свободы слова и сдерживания агрессии НАТО на проведение публичной акции, митинга или одиночного пикета.

Данные о Ваших мероприятиях с фотографиями направляйте на электронные адреса ведущих российских СМИ и информационных агентств: ТАСС, РИА-Новости, Интерфакс.

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IF YOU ARE A TEACHER, PROFESSOR, OR KINDERGARTEN EDUCATOR

- Inform students that there are various textbooks and approaches to the subject being studied.
- Explain which materials are included in the curriculum based on political expediency.
- Conduct lessons with film viewings and presentations that include excerpts from classical literature and cinema.

IF YOU ARE IN THIRD COUNTRIES

First, create social media profiles in the language of the country you are in. Your main task is to act as a conduit for people's diplomacy and to break the Western monopoly in the information space.

- Frequently comment on posts in social media of leading foreign media outlets.
- Regularly send letters to the editorial offices of various media and news organizations with comments and appeals to objectively reflect the situation and provide equal opportunities for the Russian side to be heard.
- Join a local community or political organization so that the public in your city can have experience communicating with Russians without the influence of propaganda.
- Organize supporters of traditional family values, equal freedom of speech, and restraining NATO aggression to hold public events, rallies, or solo pickets.

Send information about your events, including photographs, to the email addresses of leading Russian mass media and news agencies: TASS, RIA Novosti, Interfax.

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When we first saw this manual on conducting sabotage in Ukraine, published on the websites of the dioceses of the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC), there was still a glimmer of hope that the sabotage promoted by RACIRS agents was more theoretical than practical. However, a more sober reflection on the events of recent years in Ukraine and Russia reveals the extent and scale of their agent network's inflitration across all layers of the population in Ukraine, within the information space, among journalists, educators, military personnel, law enforcement, clergy, and even across all branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial.

It is worth noting the ban on the UOC in Ukraine in August 2024 (Law No. 3894-IX).

The title of this law is more general—"On the Protection of the Constitutional Order in the Field of Activities of Religious Organizations" — but its effects primarily concern the activities of the UOC. The final version of the law includes a nine-month transitional period, during which the UOC is given time to sever ties with the ROC and merge into the OCU. But will that have any effect? And will it affect the anti-cult activities of former UOC priests in the new OCU? From the beginning of the full-scale invasion (February 2022) until spring 2024, only 685 out of 8,782 churches of the UOC operating in Ukraine transitioned to the OCU [37]. Moreover, the

very fact of transitioning to the OCU does not guarantee that the former anti-cult agents from RACIRS will not remain there and continue their activities, just as there's no guarantee that they're not still there. As we see on the example of the UGCC, anti-cultists willingly support any political situation, even one that opposes their goals, while simultaneously engaging in covert sabotage against their own country. No denomination or religion in the world has yet withstood the anti-cult plague.

Conclusion

A review of the growing RACIRS agent network in Ukraine over the past 24 years reveals a clear pattern: any government, country, religion, or confession is ultimately subservient to the agents of global anticultism. The Bolsheviks and National Socialists of the past could not resist them, and neither could modern Russia with its inherent pride and imperialism. In fact, Russia has become a stronghold for their associates. Likewise, free-spirited Ukraine and democratic Europe have failed to resist them. Moreover, since 1993, anti-cult agents have been infiltrating and conducting destructive activities in the United States — the bastion of the democratic world. Global anti-cultism is a force that pits nations against each other, spilling innocent children's blood. Its actions are systematic and inconspicuous, as they were gradually implemented over many years according to a pre-arranged scenario. Until recently, all

crimes committed by anti-cult agents went unpunished. However, in July 2024, "The Impact" documentary exposed the true culprit of suffering and long-standing anguish of humanity. The world learned the truth. Now, it is up to each of us to determine how soon we will stop this accelerating mechanism of destructive impact that is killing our children daily. You must ask yourself this question before the plague of anti-cultism knocks on your door.

First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out —

Because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out —

Because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out —

Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

Martin Niemöller (1892–1984)

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